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Ada, Oklahoma

Chickasaw Warrior unveiled at tribal headquarters



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and sculptor Enoch Kelly Haney during the unveiling of Chickasaw Warrior in front of Chickasaw tribal headquarters in Ada.

ADA - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and world-renowned Seminole artist Enoch Kelly Haney were joined by dozens of tribal leaders, citizens and employees for the unveiling of the sculpture *Chickasaw Warrior* Tuesday, May 10 in front of the Chickasaw Nation

Headquarters building.

Mr. Haney, a former Oklahoma state senator who designed *The Guardian* statue which stands atop the Oklahoma Capitol dome, was commissioned to create the *Chickasaw Warrior*.

A beaming Governor Anoatubby opened the ceremonies

with his traditional welcome to guests.

"Welcome to the great, unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, a Nation known for its intrepid warriors, never known to have lost a battle," said Gov. Anoatubby. "A nation also known for its dynamic women," he added.

Mr. Haney said, "Governor Anoatubby always talks about Chickasaw warriors never having lost a battle, so I decided to look it up. And it's true!"

"I hope this sculpture will become an icon, a symbol of the Chickasaw warrior spirit," he added. "This sculpture is an

image of a strong Chickasaw warrior and I think that is really appropriate, because the Chickasaw Nation is such a strong tribe."

Prior to unveiling the nine-foot bronze figure, Gov. Anoatubby said, "We are dedicating this sculpture to the Chickasaw warriors of the past, the warriors of today, and to those warriors who will come after us."

The figure is a representation of how a Chickasaw warrior may have appeared during the years 1000 to 1500 A.D.

Information from early European accounts combined with archaeological findings were

used to piece together the total look of the warrior, including his physical appearance, weapons, clothing and other accouterments.

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Heritage Preservation worked with Mr. Haney to gather information and work out the final details of the figure's appearance.

A replica of the sculpture will also stand at the Chickasaw Cultural Center currently under construction near the Chickasaw National Recreation area in Sulphur, Okla.

Gov. Anoatubby marks 30 years with the tribe

When the phone rang in June of 1975, the young accountant was surprised to hear the voice of then-Chickasaw Gov. Overton James on the other end.

Would he still be interested in coming to work for the tribe? Gov. James asked the young man. Yes, the young man said, it would be a privilege to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

Following an on-site interview, the young man was hired as the tribe's new health director. He would office at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur, Okla., along with the two dozen or so fellow tribal employees.

A 29-year-old Bill Anoatubby had begun his career with the Chickasaw Nation. This month marks Gov. Anoatubby's 30-year anniversary with the tribe.

"I was so very pleased," Gov. Anoatubby said during a recent interview. "I very much wanted to work for the tribe and was happy when that wish was fulfilled."

But the dream almost did not come true. Gov. Anoatubby had responded to an ad in *the Daily*



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and legendary Chickasaw actress and dancer TeAta talk during a birthday party shortly before her death.

Oklahoman in which the tribe sought a health director. He had not heard back, and had actually accepted another job, when the call came from Gov. James.

"I had worked for one day for a CPA firm in Oklahoma City," Gov. Anoatubby said. "I explained the situation to them and they were very gracious. I believe they understood how much this opportunity meant

to me."

Gov. Anoatubby was pleased to be returning to the Chickasaw Nation. He had grown up in Tishomingo and attended college in Ada. He and wife Janice, along with three-year-old son Chris, packed up and moved to Sulphur.

What this young accountant

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 15, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Members absent: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Bob Nichols, Mary Lou Nichols, Agnes Ned, Lawatha Gilley, Charles Vans, Paula Woods, Suzanne Martin, Don Martin, Tony Choate, Justin Presley, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Paul Yates

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 18, 2005

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the March 18, 2005 minutes.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Mr. Woods reported two resolutions were considered, but were tabled in committee.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-036, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of

Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Bob Engle

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bob Engle to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Engle will fill the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Arron Duck, who has resigned. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-036. The motion was

seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-036 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

Chairperson Briggs asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to go into Executive Session. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to go into Executive Session carried unanimously.

The Legislature went into Executive session at 9:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to reconvene the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to reconvene the meeting carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

General Resolution Number 22-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property

in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nations request to acquire real property, containing 0.28 acres, more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to suspend the rules to take GR22-035

from the table and place it on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to take GR 22-035 from the table and place it on the agenda carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-035. The motion was

seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-035 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-037, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property

in Murray County.

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-037. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR 22-037 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-038, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., of Fort Smith, Arkansas. They have submitted an acceptable bid of \$103.28 per acre for a total bonus of \$206.56, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$51.64, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 2.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$6.00, of which the Chickasaw

Nation will receive \$1.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-038. The motion was

seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-039, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

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Through effort, the days of want turned to days of plenty

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

What an amazing tribe the Chickasaw Nation is!

Those among us who have lived during some of the challenging times in our history understand how truly blessed we are. It occurs to me that our younger citizens may not be aware of the day-to-day obstacles Chickasaws faced only a few short years ago.

I recall when I was asked to join the tribal government in 1975. I was very excited and pleased to have the opportunity to serve the tribe as tribal health director. At that time, there were only two dozen or so people working for the tribe, and some of our offices were

actually converted motel rooms at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur. We were so small at that time, but we were all energized by what we believed we could accomplish together.

As health director, my responsibilities included overseeing our team of Community Health Representatives. Our CHRs were – and are – so critically important to the overall well-being of the Chickasaw people. CHRs visited Chickasaw people throughout the Chickasaw Nation, evaluating their conditions, listening to their concerns and helping them in so many ways.

The CHRs were really our eyes and ears in our many communities, and throughout the rolling hills and fields of the rural areas, where many of our people lived. We learned so much about



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

the many needs of the people. Chickasaw housing was often substandard, and many had no indoor plumbing. Wholesome food and good nutrition was often lacking. Our elders and others desperately needed transportation services for doctor appointments and other essential visits. And jobs – our people

were so very willing to work, but often had real challenges in finding employment.

From those little offices at the Motor Inn, we very quickly determined we had to come up with plans to make positive changes in the lives of Chickasaw people. Our budgets were very, very small in those days, and much of what we accomplished was through federal programs and grants we administered.

We progressed one step at a time, always remembering our mission to improve the lives of Chickasaw people. The tribal WIC program and Nutrition Services were established to bring good quality food into Chickasaw homes. The Chickasaw Housing Authority, and later the tribal Housing Division, were established to provide livable,

appealing homes to Chickasaws. Transportation routes were established to get Chickasaw people to the places they needed to go. And as we grew as a tribe, employment opportunities grew, both in the tribe and throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Those energetic days of 1975 and beyond are now paying dividends for Chickasaw people throughout the Chickasaw Nation, and beyond. And it is good to recall how we started with so little and together have achieved so much – just as the tiniest acorn can become the mightiest oak.

Our Chickasaw history still holds amazement for me. We truly were – and are – the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation!

Chickasaw Children's Choir sings at state capitol

Members on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and visitors in the gallery stood in hushed silence, hands over their hearts, as the Chickasaw Children's Choir sang *The Star Spangled Banner*, with choir member Amanda Shackelford repeating each phrase in the Chickasaw language.

A rousing ovation followed the rendition presented by 35 children from across the Chickasaw Nation.

Lisa Johnson-Billy, Chickasaw and freshman District 42 Oklahoma Representative, invited the group to perform.

"I'm so proud to see our children singing and to see their faces," said Rep. Billy. "I think it's very beneficial. I think this is how we build bridges with communities of people who don't know who we are as Chickasaw people."

"I'm very, very grateful to all the adults who helped put hit together. I'm very grateful to Governor Anoatubby and our tribal legislature for setting money aside to do this, because it's more than just singing songs. It melts hearts out there."

For some of the choir members, it was their first time to visit the state capitol.

"It was amazing. I've never been here before," said Janis Taliaferro. "It was thrilling, yet frightening all together."



Members of the Chickasaw Children's Choir sang on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as special guests of Representative Lisa Johnson-Billy. Afterward, House members whose districts were represented in the choir joined them for a photo. Pictured, front row from left, Alysha Fowler, Raven Carnes, Chestie Underwood, Martine Flores, Dale Shackelford, Justice Lewis, Megan Carney, Carol Taliaferro, Adriana Flores, Kayla Flores. Second row, Katy Shackelford, Stringfellow Hawk Lewis, Cameron Lewis, Skye Shackelford, Joseph Carney, Brooke Shackelford, Gabriela Castellanos, Mariah Johnson, Kira Fowler, Amanda Carney, Alexis Lewis, Mariah Baptiste, Samantha Walker. Back row from left, choir director Reta Lansdale, Rep. Paul Roan, Rep. Greg Piatt, Joel Hamby, Courtney Parchcorn, Mesha Walker, Amanda Shackelford, Brittany Schultz, Kate Duty, Taloa Underwood, Janice Taliaferro, Brandon Battice, Conrad Taliaferro, Rep. Wes Hillard, Rep. Bob Plunk, Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy, Arts and Humanities Director Laura Morrison, and Rep. Billy's administrative aide Shirley Ned-Falls.

"Mrs. Lansdale (choir director), she's great helping us out and everything. And it's amazing because a lot of the little ones were actually calm with this. I thought they'd be hyper and really active, but they were pretty cool."

Other choir members also enjoyed the experience.

"It's pretty amazing, but it's

kind of scary though," said Joel Hamdy. "Some of those people are really big people in the state. But it was really fun."

After their performance, members of the choir were given a tour of the capitol building and enjoyed a trip to the zoo.

"We are very proud of the way our children's choir represents the Chickasaw Nation," said

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Many of these young people may well be leaders of the future."

Other recent appearances by the Chickasaw Children's Choir include a performance at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, May 14 during the Chickasaw Celebrations of Traditions and Culture event. They

also performed for the Chisholm Heritage Center's Festival in Duncan on May 7, and at the Johnson-O'Malley State Conference Banquet March 23.

Open enrollment for the choir will be conducted June 13 through 24 during the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Ardmore Wellness Center a great addition



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

BUSY is synonymous with Legislature, I think! We have all been very busy and indications are the summer is not going to offer a "slow-down." This is good because it is the role we play in the phenomenal growth of our Tribe. New buildings are going up in many places and plans are in the works for many more.

The Wellness Center in Ardmore is complete and the ribbon cutting (our way of declaring the building officially finished)

is scheduled for less than a week away. It is a wonderful facility and so many are looking forward to being able to use all the healthy lifestyles aids. Especially we are concentrating on ways to help our citizens who suffer the dreadful and dreaded disease of diabetes.

The state of the art grocery store is located on the same grounds as the Wellness Center and both are a wonderful tribute to the school so famous and which played such an integral part of so many of our elders

lives - Carter Seminary. The Carter building is still in place and much thought is given to a use for it.

Today I attended a reception given by the Judicial Department recognizing their advocates. Much credit must be given to these wonderful people who donate their time and have undergone many hours and days of training to be proficient at what they will be called upon to do, which is try to reconcile disputes between citizens, hoping to avoid having to go to court for resolutions to their problems. Also there are attorneys who will give advice free of charge to our citizens. The attorneys will not freely go into court on

behalf of the person seeking help but sometime rational legal advice can resolve an unpleasant situation. We are so enormously proud of our entire Judicial Department and the great progress they have made and continue to make.

In my family it is nearing reunion time and all our young adults are busy on weekends and any time they can find to get our wonderful family park in pristine condition. They do a great job and we believe we are in good hands with our next generation!

Happy Summer to all of you! And stay safe! Blessings to all of you.

Linda Briggs

Land into trust - a vital and historic responsibility



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

through important legislation, including the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975; the Indian Tribal Government Tax Status Act of 1982; and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

Each of these Acts, as well as other legislation, has recognized and encouraged the importance of the tribes' efforts to develop economically. The end of the federal policy of tribal "termination" was asserted by President Kennedy.

The United States has actively encouraged tribal business development and self-sufficiency. And, from the beginning of nationhood, the U.S. has taken land into trust on behalf of the tribes for three clearly stated reasons: 1) to facilitate tribal self-determination; 2) economic development, and; 3) Indian housing.

When the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs considers a tribal application for taking land into trust, state and local governments are routinely informed and their comments solicited. Additionally, the BIA is empowered to review the application and to ask questions, do research and make recommendations, positive or negative, regarding the application.

This is to say that this long-standing, historic process of placing land into trust involves many people and many entities.

The tribes do not act alone in this endeavor. The law and the processes are set up to encourage communication and the sharing of information.

A recent article in the *Daily Oklahoman* implied some tribes have misused the trust process to further the development of gaming. The reporter, paraphrasing recent testimony before the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee, wrote tribes "circumvented rules" which require "getting approval from neighbors and local government."

This statement leaves the impression the trust process is somehow easily manipulated.

It is not.

The taking of land into trust is an intricate process which involves many steps. Our tribe's experience is that it takes well over a year for a land into trust application to be approved. We take our time with trust land, and we are diligent about preparing the groundwork and completing the process correctly.

The trust relationship is very special and unique. It has been established over centuries of dealings between the U.S. and the tribes. Placing land into trust is important to the Chickasaw Nation - and to the federal government. We respect the process, and we honor our history by placing land in trust.

If you have questions, please feel free to email me at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

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Proliferation of wellness centers means better health



Dean McManus

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? Summer-time is finally here and I have never seen the trees as thick and green as they are this year. I'm especially surprised because we have not had the spring rains like we usually do. Everything is going so well with the Nation. I get so excited thinking about all the good things happening with

the Nation!

This month the Human Resources Committee and the Legislature approved resolution GR22-049, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The resolution supports the Nation's application for a grant of \$800,000 to establish a Wellness Center in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma. The Wellness Center under construction in Ardmore should be completed this summer. Governor Anoatubby plans to build Wellness Centers in every corner of the Chickasaw Nation where there is a large population of Chickasaw citizens. The centers will help us all live a healthier lifestyle! The Chickasaw Nation provides matching funds of 25% of the grant amount in order for the Wellness Centers to be built and operated.

The Committee and Legislature also approved resolution GR22-048 which supports the Nation's application for a grant from the Indian Health Service to provide a Tribal Injury Prevention Program. Last month, the Committee and Legislature approved the gubernatorial appointment of Bob Engle to the Board of Directors for Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., and this month we approved the Gubernatorial appointment of Jerry Malaney and reappointment of Mark Riesen as Election Board Commissioners. We certainly appreciate all the highly qualified Chickasaw citizens that serve in the voluntary positions that are so important to our Nation!

The Legislature approved a budget increase for the Gaming Commissioner so that he can hire additional personnel. The need for more field inspectors is a result of the success of our gaming enterprises and

the new compact with the State of Oklahoma. We certainly are thankful for the revenues earned from gaming that we use for programs, Wellness Centers and the like.

As Legislator Scott Colbert reported to you last month, the Legislature unanimously passed resolution GR22-042 which provides the intent of the Legislature to encourage and support the revitalization efforts to keep our Chickasaw language alive. We appreciate our dedicated speakers and teachers because our Chickasaw language is an important part of our culture and heritage. This year the Sovereignty Symposium is recognizing the importance of revitalizing native languages by providing a panel titled "More than Lip Service." The panel will discuss current efforts for native language preservation in Oklahoma as well as the

importance of tribal education departments.

I am also a member of the Nation Council on Aging and wish to report that we have recently held two conference calls to work on the White House Conference on Aging. The date for the Conference is yet to be announced but will probably be in September. We are also working on an employee code for the National Council.

Please don't forget the Chickasha Reunion, June 23-26 at our Kullihoma Stomp Grounds. The Reunion gets bigger and better every year and I know that you will enjoy it, especially the stickball game against the Choctaw Nation. Come and cheer your warriors on!

Please contact me at dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or at the telephone numbers listed in this Chickasaw Times. May God bless you!

Committee Reports

Education Committee
May 9, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Finance Committee
April 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus
May 9, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker
May 16, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker
Health Committee
May 9, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee
May 9, 2005

Present: Dean McManus,

Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman
May 16, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee
May 9, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
May 9, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Students do well in academic bowls



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Thank you for your sympathy and prayers for the loss of my sister, Betty Lionberger of Camarillo, California. One can never be ready for losing a close family member and her passing reminds me that we need to pay special attention to our loved ones because we do not know when we will see them again. Vacation time has begun I know that I will

be spending as much time as possible with my family and extended family. We wish you safe journeys whenever you travel.

Kudos to our science bowl team who won the regional contest; Jerry D. Malaney and Mark Riesen who were recently appointed and confirmed for the Chickasaw Election Board; Randi Howard, Josh Boggs and RhaShonda Keehn, JOM students, for winning the regional Native American Math and Science Bowl; all of our high school and college graduates - especially those who have jobs!

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, reported that Dr. Angie Roach will begin her dentistry practice at the Tishomingo Clinic in July. He also reported that Carl Albert Hospital has been 65-80% full. Mr. Lance also provided the following information about the Health System:

In the month of April, 2005, there were 235 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of out-

patient visits at Carl Albert was 13,621. April Emergency Room visits were 1,118. April saw 273 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,560 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,367 patients in April. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,892 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,415. The Durant Clinic saw 2,500 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 961.

Remember to spend time with your family and you can never say "I love you" too much. Be safe in your travels over the summer and may God bless and keep you.

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Coming Soon!
Te Ata Fisher
Employee
Fine Art Show.
Watch for
details!



May 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-043 Gubernatorial Appointment- Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Mr. Jerry Malaney

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney, a Chickasaw citizen, to fill the remainder of a three-year term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, beginning on the date of appointment and ending on December 31, 2007.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-044 Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Mr. Mark Riesen

Explanation: This resolu-

tion approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's moving Mr. Mark Riesen from the at-large seat he currently occupies on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission to the now-vacant seat on the Commission which represents the Pickens Legislative District. The resolution approves Governor Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to a term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, ending on December 31, 2008.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-045 Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc., 100 North San-

ta Fe, Suite 200, Norman, Oklahoma 7369, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$227.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$749.10, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$187.28, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as Lot 9 of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 16 East Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, subject to prior rights of United States to flood and submerge the land in the construction, operation and maintenance of the Eufaula Dam and Reservoir Project, containing 3.3 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$9.90, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$2.48 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd

Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-046 Oil and Gas Lease in Love County

Explanation: This resolutions approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith and Associates, Inc., 100 North Santa Fe, Suite 200, Norman, Oklahoma 73069, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$307.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$25,978.34, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,494.59, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as the South 11.45 acres of original Lot 2 (11.45 acres); Lots 3 (16.80 acres); and 4 (38.20 acres); W/2 NE/4 SE/4; and SE/4 NE/4 SE/4, except a tract which originally contained 11.38 acres, more or less, and is described as follows: Beginning 660 feet West of the quarter corner between Sections 14 and 15; thence South 660 feet; East 660 feet; South 990 feet; North 40 degrees West, 1000 feet; North 20 degrees West, 930 feet; East 301 feet to the point of beginning of Section 15 Township 7 South, Range 3 East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 84.62 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$253.86, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$63.47 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw

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Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-048 Approval of Application for Funding Indian Health Service Tribal Injury Prevention Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Indian Health Service for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Health System in improving the delivery of health service by reducing injury-related mortality morbidity and disability by implementing a comprehensive community-based injury prevention program. The Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention Program will include data collection, preventing programs, education, policy development and public awareness.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling,

See Resolutions, page 35

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>		Seat #	Seat #
Seat #			
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-9882 hollye@tds.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960	
2. Judy Parker 20565 CR3560 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73453 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818	
3. Melvin Burris 21050 CR 1620 Stonewall, OK 74871 (580) 265-4285	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523	
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottdes@telepath.com		
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394			
<u>Pickens District</u>		<u>Panola District</u>	
Seat #		Seat #	
		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409	
<u>Tishomingo District</u>			

Community Councils' meeting schedules

Ada Community Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 1200 Jack John Circle in Ada.

Chickasaw Council of Colorado (Denver area) meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Greater Houston Chickasaw Community Council meets quarterly at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at 777 Post Oak Blvd, Ste. 700 in Houston.

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council meets the second Tuesday of each month

at the Enos Fire Department.

Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City

Purcell Community Council meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the Chickasaw Area Office in Purcell.

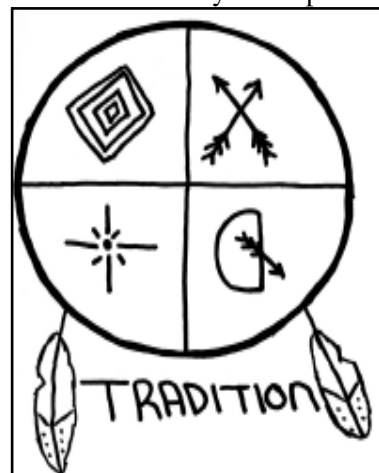
San Antonio Chickasaw Community Council meets quarterly (typically March, June, September and December) at 6:30 p.m. at the San Antonio CNI office at 6391 DeZavala in San Antonio.

Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion June 23-26 at Kullihoma



Cultural Resources Director Eddie Postoak presents Courtney Parchcorn a \$25 gift certificate for her first place entry in the Chi Ka Sha Reunion art contest. Her art will grace this year's reunion T-shirts. At right are Laura Morrison, Arts in Education director, and art teacher Trina Jones.

KULLIHOMA - Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests from across the country are expected



First place entry by Courtney Parchcorn.

to celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition at the Seventh Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion June 23-26 at Kullihoma Stomp Ground.

Chickasaw stickball players have been practicing for the stickball game, set for 3 p.m. Saturday, which will be one of the featured events at this year's reunion.

Other Chickasaw games will also be featured, including Chunkey and the Chickasaw marble game, an archery tournament and more.

A traditional meal, including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat, grape dumplings and more will

be served at noon Saturday. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served 6 p.m. Friday, and breakfast will be available Sunday morning.

There will also be a variety of demonstrations of Chickasaw culture from stomp dance to ballstick making to language.

"Chi Ka Sha reunion helps remind Chickasaw people of the culture and heritage that bind us together," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is a great time of fellowship and a wonderful opportunity for Chickasaws of all ages to learn more about their culture and heritage and to share that knowledge with others."

Men, women and children are encouraged to bring their own turtle for the Loksi races, which will begin 11 a.m. Saturday. There will be races for all ages.

Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe members will provide stomp dance instruction and demonstrations. Stomp dances will begin at 10:30 p.m. Friday, and midnight Saturday. There will also be a social dance from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Other cultural demonstrations include story-telling cooking, ribbon shirt making, stomp dance dress making, bow making, flute making, finger weaving, basket weaving, beadwork



Tribal Arts in Education director Laura Morrison presents Katie Goodnight with a \$10 gift card for her second place entry in the Chi Ka Sha Reunion T-shirt contest.

and various other crafts.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups. Generators may be used only in designated areas.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Volunteers are still needed to help with various activities.

For information or to volunteer call (580) 332-8685.



Second place entry by Katie Goodnight.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribe celebrates opening of Ardmore Wellness Center

Dozens of tribal legislators, citizens and employees joined Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby for May 25 ribbon cutting ceremonies opening the Chickasaw Wellness Center in Ardmore.

Trained staff members will be on duty to offer instruction, consultation and assistance at the 9,000 square foot facility, which is expected to serve hundreds of area residents.

"It is very gratifying to open this center, which marks another step in our efforts to offer top-quality preventive health services," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Exercise and healthy lifestyles are key to maintaining health and preventing disease and this wellness center will make it easier for hundreds of people to do just that."

Available equipment will include free weights and weight

training machines, as well as treadmills and a variety of other cardiovascular training equipment.

Almost 1,600 square feet of open area will be dedicated to martial arts and aerobics classes, which will be led by qualified instructors.

All services, including classes and access to the center will be available free of charge to Chickasaw citizens, employees and family members. Classes, equipment and other services will be available to other local residents for a reasonable fee.

Two offices for Youth and Family Services personnel will also be housed in the center.

Physical therapy services will be offered at the facility in the near future.

Up to 12 employees will staff the center once it is in full operation.

Midway Construction of Ar-



Dozens of tribal legislators, citizens and employees joined Governor Anoatubby to cut the ribbon May 25 opening the new wellness center in Ardmore.

dmore was contracted to build the center, which was designed by McAlester architect Tim

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Peacemaking process begins with tradition, customs



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chukma! What an exciting month May 2005 has been for the Judicial Branch.

On a personal level, I would like to share with you the happiness and pride my family has experienced with the graduation of my cousin, Skip Seeley a Chickasaw, from Oklahoma University. Skip, a huge fan of OU, had a dream of one day attending Oklahoma University and he worked hard to make that dream come true. Skip has been employed by the Chickasaw Enterprise gaming center in Goldsby, Oklahoma for the last four (4) years while attending OU. Skip's proud father, Larry Seeley and Grandfather, Ben Seeley, full blood Chickasaw, were present at his May 14, 2005 graduation ceremony. Skip received his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies Education. A luncheon was held in Skip's honor after the ceremony so we could all congratulate him and share our feeling of pride at his accomplishments. To all seniors; congratulations and I wish you great success in your life's endeavors. If you have a child graduating this year let them know how proud of their accomplishments you are and graduates take a moment to thank your parents for their



Skip Seeley

support.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

Has everyone had the opportunity to see the Warrior statue that now stands proudly in front of our Chickasaw Nation Headquarters? I was proud to attend the unveiling on May 10, 2005. Mr. Enoch Kelly Haney designed the statue and was present to give a brief speech about the Chickasaw. He did a wonderful job of depicting the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw warriors. A replica of the statue will be placed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center located in Sulphur. I hope everyone will have a chance to come and see the mighty Chickasaw Warrior, I believe you will feel a renewed sense of pride in our ancestors.

On May 18, 2005, I attended the Sulphur Headstart graduation to congratulate the 15 graduating students. Over the last two (2) years I have been committed to reading to both classes of the Sulphur Headstart for 30 minutes each Tuesday morning. What better way to start each Tuesday than by sharing it with all of those sweet little faces as they listen as I read. I am grateful to each of those little angels for enriching my life. My wish for you is success in your endeavors and may all of your dreams come true. I would recommend volunteering to everyone. If any of you have an opportunity to read to a child or to volunteer in your community, I hope you will make that commitment.

I hope everyone has received their Peacemaking brochure. If you have not received your brochure, please contact Jason Burwell, at: 580-235-0281 and he will make sure you receive one.

We held a reception welcoming the Peacemakers to the Judicial Branch and I would like to thank everyone who took a few moments to come by and welcome our Peacemakers. The Peacemaking Court is a forum for resolving conflicts using

Chickasaw traditions, customs, and culture as the basis for finding peace in the resolution.

The Judicial Branch is very happy to announce the establishment of a Judicial Scholarship. We are honored to be able to give back to the Chickasaw community and to assist our Chickasaw citizens by providing a scholarship to further their education. The scholarship is titled, Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Scholarship. This scholarship has been established for Chickasaw students who are interested in pursuing a career in the legal field. The scholarship is an award of \$500.00 per year for an upcoming student attending a college or university that is majoring in legal studies or to a student attending law school. For more information and application please contact Johnna Walker.

Justice Barbara Smith has just returned from Reno, Nevada where she spent a few days at the National Judicial College. Justice Smith was invited to participate in, "Dispute Resolution Curriculum Development." Justice Smith looks forward to sharing the information from the workshop with members of the judicial staff.

Our four (4) Court Clerks will begin their second session of Court Clerk's certification the first week of June. We have retained the services of Oklahoma State University to customize the Court Clerk certification program using the Chickasaw Code and Constitution. OSU has developed an impressive curriculum for our clerks and we are looking forward to the skills and training they will bring into our courts.

Members of the Judicial Branch will be attending the Sovereignty Symposium June 1 and 2. Tribal members from across the state and the Nation will be attending. The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues could be exchanged in a scholarly, and non-adversarial environment.



Chickasaw Nation Peacemakers, from left, John Edwards, Tewanna Edwards, Smith Cole, Anna Ruth Cole and Robert (Bob) Cole.

Chickasaw District Court news

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The Chickasaw Nation District Court is located at 1500 N. Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma. We are available to assist you Monday thru Friday 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 daily. The Chickasaw Nation District Court holds court every Tuesday unless otherwise posted. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a Court Advocate, just drop by or give them a call at 580-235-0279. Wayne and Tamara would be happy to schedule a time for you to see an advocate

about your legal issues.

The District Court filed a total of 29 new cases in April 2005 and the Court Advocates assisted 114 individuals with their legal issues. We have had a total of 140 new cases filed in 2005.

Once again, you have my deepest appreciation for the continued support of the Supreme Court and District Court. As we grow we will continue to look for ways in which we may better serve our Chickasaw citizens.

Total Cases Filed in 2005

Adoption	Guardianship
14	16
Civil	Juvenile
16	5
Criminal	Protective Orders
7	0
Divorce	
68	Total: 126



Chigley descendant donates painting to Davis museum

DAVIS, Okla. - Nelson Chigley descendant Joe Hollenbeck recently donated a painting of his mother Garnet "Pocahontas" Shackleford nee Chigley to the Davis historical museum. The donation adds to a modest sized collection of Chigley family memorabilia displayed at the museum.

Mr. Hollenbeck is striving to keep the memory of the Chigley family alive.

Born in 1939 in the Chigley Mansion, which was built in 1891 in Davis, Mr. Hollenbeck was adopted by the Hollenbeck family not long after his mother died in 1949.

"My great-grandfather, Nelson Chigley, was governor of the Chickasaw Nation at one time," said Mr. Hollenbeck. "Now I don't really know if there are

any other Chigley descendants left."

Historical records indicate that not only did Nelson Chigley serve as governor for a time to fill a vacancy, but also served in the Chickasaw Senate for six years.

A successful farmer, by 1890 Nelson Chigley had accumulated 2,000 acres of land in what is now Murray County.

When the Santa Fe Railroad came through the area, he made arrangement sot survey part of his land to form the town of Davis.

Other reports tell of Chigley, a small community located three miles east and six miles north of Davis named for Nelson Chigley. In addition to a Farmers Union and a Woodmen of

the World lodge, there was also a one-room Indian school attended by approximately 40 students.

Nelson Chigley had two sons, Wyatt and Moses Chigley.

Wyatt studied law and owned a hardware store in Davis. He lived in the Chigley Mansion and used the home as a refuge for wayward Chickasaw boys.

Moses became involved in the livestock business and later served as a representative to the Chickasaw legislature from the Tishomingo District. He also worked as a sheriff, an Indian police officer and interpreter.

He married Ollie Smith and the couple had one son, Moses, Jr. in 1914.

Moses Chigley Jr. died in 2001 in Sulphur at the age of 86.

"He was the last Chigley, I guess there was on the face of the earth," said Mr. Hollen-

beck.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Joe Hollenbeck recently donated this painting of his mother Garnet "Pocahontas" Shackleford nee Chigley to the Davis historical museum. The painting will be added to the Chigley family exhibit on currently on display.

Tribal balance sheet continues strong; net assets rising

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and Lt.

governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Difference between beginning balance at April 30, 2005 and the ending balance last month are year end audit adjustments.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2005 Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$3.9 million for the month and \$25 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$2.4 million and \$15.3 million year-to-date. Year-to-date, a total of \$18 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$248.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$73.2 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$41.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$8 million is in

the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$58.6 million in cash and investments of which \$25 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$26 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of April 30, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling

\$319 million with \$35.6 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$315.4 million compared to \$253.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$61.8 million for the seven months then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$ 3,868,038		248,647,255	252,515,293
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	39,167,661	(39,137,661)	30,000
Total funds available	43,035,699	209,509,594	252,545,293
Expenditures			
General government	3,006,703		3,006,703
Legislature	792,387		792,387
Judiciary	333,295		333,295
Education	2,033,719		2,033,719
Heritage Preservation	1,086,894		1,086,894
Health	2,578,006		2,578,006
Youth and Family Services	1,293,931		1,293,931
Nutrition Programs	1,132,363		1,132,363
Regulatory	298,641		298,641
Assistance Programs	709,361		709,361
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		114,702,233	114,702,233
Other businesses' expense		60,723,950	60,723,950
Total expenditures	15,265,300	175,426,183	190,691,483
Increase in net assets	27,770,399	34,083,411	61,853,810
Beginning net assets	102,966,239	150,617,130	253,583,369
Ending net assets	\$ 130,736,638	184,700,541	315,437,179

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets April 30, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 41,201,690	58,583,714	99,785,404
Receivables	734,310	7,292,837	8,027,147
Inventory		3,905,086	3,905,086
Prepaid expenses		5,384,736	5,384,736
Other Assets		19,289,816	19,289,816
Fixed assets	89,127,740	125,512,411	214,640,151
Less payables	(327,102)	(35,268,059)	(35,595,161)
Net Assets	\$ 130,736,638	184,700,541	315,437,179

1991 class recalls Chickasaw emphasis

Original Head Start students graduate high school

Many of the students from the Chickasaw Nation's first Head Start Ardmore classroom will graduate from high schools this year.

Samantha and Dawnthea Martin, Rachel Arnacher, Josh Baptiste and Jordan Ham are among the members of that first Head Start class.

Frankie McCullough, who taught the class, said many of her former students are going on to some form of higher education. Many of those also excelled in music, sports and academics, which she said helps prove the value of Head Start.

"The first impression a child gets (about education) is through their first day at Head Start," said Mrs. McCullough. "If they are motivated and invited to love learning it pours over into the rest of their school years, along with the social competency skills that they learn at Head Start."

"So the Chickasaw Nation is very much to be praised for their foresight in implementing the Head Start program years back."

In addition to the basics, students in that first class also learned some Chickasaw language, took part in field trips and learned valuable social skills.

"That first year at Ardmore was fun. I'll never forget that," said Mrs. McCullough. "I enjoyed the kids immensely. We did a lot. It was a new experience for me and for them too, but we learned together."

Samantha and Dawnthea both agreed.

"It was fun," they said in unison when asked what they remembered about the class.

Dawnthea, who plans to study business at Oklahoma State University this year, still remembered Head Start story time as something special.

Samantha, who is planning to pursue an education and career in the medical field has been awarded an academic scholarship to OSU. She said she remembered learning to count in Chickasaw in her Head Start class.

Both said they would recommend Head Start to anyone.

Patti Grayham, Samantha and



Dawnthea Martin



Samantha Martin

Dawnthea's mother, said the class helped them learn self-discipline, among other things.

"They really loved Frankie," said Mrs. Grayham. "She was really good. I think that it helped them set up a routine to start kindergarten and first grade."

"It kind of brought them out of their shyness. When they're that age they're kind of shy. And it kind of brought them out so they would participate more in

school."

Self-discipline and social skills are among the most important skills young people learn at Head Start, according to Mrs. McCullough.

"There's a lot of peer pressure, even when they're young," she said. "That's why I've always believed in Head Start, because if they have a good self-concept and good self-esteem and already have a foundation of that,



Dawnthea and Samantha Martin with their mother, Patti Grayham, left, and grandmother Dorothy

they're not so easily distracted.

"There's a quote I read one time, 'if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.' And that's absolutely so among our youth today. They want to be accepted by their peers, but a lot of times the line that is drawn when they're younger – right from wrong – sometimes will keep them from making bad choices and end up in a place where they

think 'how did I get here?'"

Editor's note: If you or one of your friends or relatives was a member of the 1991 Chickasaw Nation Head Start class in Ardmore, please contact Tony Choate for a future article. tony.choate@chickasaw.net or 520 East Arlingotn, Ada, OK 74820.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Head Start built 'from the ground up'

Frankie McCullough recalls that Chickasaw Nation Head Start Ardmore classes began in 1991 with her as teacher, Bell Harjo as director, Lou Baptiste as teacher assistant, Verna Mae Johnson as cook and Dorothy Holt as foster grandparent.

Mrs. McCullough, who was working as a Head Start instructor with the Big Five program at the time, said the Chickasaw Nation Head Start class was started in 1991 after research she and others conducted confirmed the need.

Those individuals started the program from the ground up.

"I remember when I was hired and went out to Carter Seminary and they said that this was Head Start, and there wasn't even a building," said Mrs. McCullough.

Not long after that, however, things began to come together, with the help of many in the community.

"I remember the day they called me and said 'Frankie, the building's coming down the road,'" Mrs. McCullough

said with a hearty laugh. "It was a modular building coming in three pieces. We were all excited."

Later, that excitement was mixed with some apprehension, according to Mrs. McCullough.

"Bell Harjo (Head Start director at the time) looked at me - and here we are with the building just put together and lots of things to do - she said 'Frankie, can we start in a week?' And I said, 'Yes, we can,'" said Mrs. McCullough. "All of us pulled together and we put that classroom together and got things done. We had Head Start on time and we had a wonderful time."

Once started, Mrs. Harjo insisted the program cater to the needs of Native American students.

"If I'm not mistaken, I think 14 of our kids were full blood, whether it be Choctaw, Chickasaw, Mississippi Choctaw, whatever," said Mrs. McCullough. "Fourteen of our kids were full-blood and six were not quite, but they were close."

"We taught Chickasaw. We did language retention. It was very cultural. Back then, they wanted us to keep it very focused. Our director (Mrs. Harjo) said 'if I walk in this Head Start, I do not want to see anything but a tribal Head Start.'"

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Frankie McCullough

Elders Day



Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson helps serve during Elders Day activities May 6 at Kullihoma.



The family of **Harmon Lewis** wish him a happy birthday. He celebrated his fifth birthday April 24, 2005.

He attends Pickens Baptist Church and loves going to Sunday School.

His proud parents are Coby and Jaime Lewis, Lone Grove, Okla. His siblings are Alexis, Justice, Koby Corene, Ameia, Cameron, String.

He is the grandson of Mary Lou Thomas and Charlie and Christine Lewis, all of Ardmore, Okla.

He is the nephew of Alicia Thompson, Tara Thomas, Chad Lewis, Brian and Albert Taylor, all of Ardmore.

His cousins are Damien Joe Thomas, and Nick, Nathan and Christina Landeros.

We are all proud of him and love him very much. "God bless you baby boy!"

Also a happy birthday to cousin **Serena Wilmond**. She is one special lady with a big heart. She loves her grandkids and friends and is always helping others. We love her very much, "God bless her"

We love you both,
Your family

Complete Chickasaw language class



Several Chickasaw Nation employees recently completed a Chickasaw Language Class for a percentage of their Individual Development Plan. Those receiving their certificate are, front row from left, Georgie Frazier of the media relations department, Charles Holden, Ken Baptiste, Justin Edwards and Mike Clay all of the communication department. Back row from left, Kenneth Frazier of the transportation department, Cory Christiansen, Ric Greenwood, Brad Deramus and Malcom "Dirt" Smith all of the communication department. Not pictured is Trey Rossier. The six-week class was taught by Geraldine Greenwood, Chickasaw Language Instructor and Pat Cox, assistant. Thanks to Pat Wood for all her help.

Pickens graduates eighth

Dalton Pickens announces the eighth grade graduation of his sister Alisha "Nae-Nae" Pickens from Stonewall Middle School, Stonewall, Okla.

Proud parents are Bobby and Tammy Pickens. Grandparents are Bill Pickens, the late Naomi Greenwood and the late Gene and Wanett Giles. Proud aunts and uncles are Tony and

Nancy Lewis, Sandra and Robin Johns, Robert "Papa" and Mary "Sissy" Ross, Scott Gibson, Jean and Cuco Gutierrez and Patty Pickens.

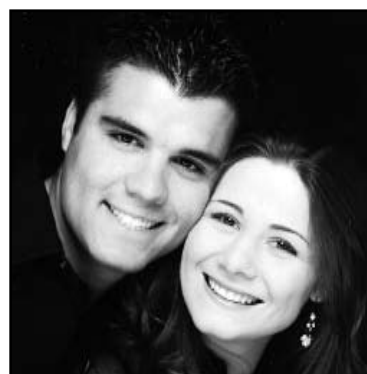
We are all very proud of you,
Love you,
Mom, Dad and brother Dalton

Holman graduates ninth grade

Dalton Pickens announces the ninth grade graduation of his sister Felisha "Pearl" Holman from Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla.

Proud parents are Bobby and Tammy Pickens and Ricky and Vicki Holman. Grandparents are Don and Mary Holman, the late Gene and Wanett Giles and Bill Pickens of Stonewall. Proud aunts and uncles are Tony and Nancy Lewis, Tuttle, Okla., Sandra and

Boden, Webb to marry July 4



Courtne Boden and Bryan Webb

Anthony and Susan Webb announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son Bryan Christopher Webb to Courtney Laine Boden.

The bride to be is the daughter of Rusty and Carrie Boden of Arlington, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Coy and Bobbie Brown, of Arlington. Her paternal grandparents are the late William "Bo" Boden and the late Kathleen Boden. She is

a 2001 graduate of James Bowie High School and is currently working on her English degree and teaching certificate at Tarrant County College.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla. His paternal grandparents are Gloria Webb, and Dr. F.E. and Patricia Webb, all of Tishomingo. His maternal grandparents are the late Elmer G. Wood and the late Naomi R. Wood. He is a descendant of original enrollee Henry Fillmore. Mr. Webb is a 2000 graduate of Tishomingo High School. He is currently in the U.S. Air Force Reserve based out of Tinker Air Force Base and is a senior working on his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

The couple will exchange marriage vows, July 4, 2005 at Fort Worth, Texas and will make their home in Norman, Okla.

Matthews, Hiltbrunner to wed



Katrena Matthews and Beau Hiltbrunner

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Matthews, of Panhandle, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrena Nicole, to Beau Travis Hiltbrunner.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ms. Margaret Barr and the late Thomas Barr, of Amarillo, Texas, and Ms. Frances Matthews and the late Red Matthews, of Panhandle. She is a 2000 graduate of Panhandle High School. She will earn a bachelor of science degree in business from West Texas A & M University in Canyon, where she is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She is currently employed by Amarillo Natural Gas, Inc.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Hiltbrunner, of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Temple, of Mesa, Ariz., and Ms. Fern Hiltbrunner, of Shamrock, Texas. A 2000 graduate of Amarillo High School, he will earn a bachelor of science degree in biology from West Texas A & M University in Canyon, where he is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is currently employed by The Ritter Company.

The couple plan to wed June 25 at St. Paul Methodist Church, in Amarillo.



Chickasaw elected to Native law students association board



Daron Carreiro

ALBUQUERQUE – Members of the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) elected new executive board members on April 16, 2005 during the NNALSA annual conference held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference.

Members selected Chickasaw tribal member Daron Carreiro to serve on the Executive Board as

the Area 6 (Northeast) Representative.

Mr. Carreiro grew up in Tulsa, attended St. Albans High School in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Dartmouth College in 2002. During his undergraduate summers, he worked for the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador Charles W. Blackwell. Upon graduation, he returned to the Ambassador's office as full-time staff. He is currently a J.D. candidate at Columbia Law School in New York City.

NNALSA was founded in 1970 to promote the study of federal Indian law and to support Native American students in law school. NNALSA strives to reach out to native communities and encourage Native people to pursue legal education. Members of the organization include law students and alumni from all over the United States.

Multimedia department seeks unique stories

The Chickasaw Multimedia department is working on a special project that will highlight the unique opportunities available to Chickasaw citizens. If you or someone you know has a great story about an opportunity they received from the Chickasaw Nation, or as a result of being Chickasaw, we want to hear it!

These stories could be about children with special needs who have found support at the tribe's childhood development center or someone achieving a doctorate degree with assistance from the tribal education programs. Entrepreneurs, artists, old and young...all

are encouraged to submit your story about how the Chickasaw Nation has provided an opportunity for you or your family to accomplish your goals and achieve your dreams.

Please submit a written story 500 words or less and, if possible, enclose a photograph. If you wish to have your photo returned, supply the proper return address information.

The Chickasaw Nation will be adding a new segment to the Annual Meeting this October. We will take a moment to honor Chickasaws who have passed away during the previous year (September 2004 through present) in the form of a multimedia presentation.

If you would like to have your loved one honored in this way, please send a photo along with the exact name you wish to be displayed with the picture. If you wish to have your photo returned, supply the proper return address information.

The deadline to submit information for both projects is July 31.

For more information or to submit items, contact Danielle Armstrong at (580) 332-1416, Danielle.armstrong@chickasaw.net. The items may also be mailed to Chickasaw Multimedia, 121 West Main, Ada, Okla. 74820.

Chickasaw girl participates in pageant, dance, karate



Shelby Albio

On April 16, 2005, Miss Shelby Albio was crowned Queen in the 4-5 years old age division in the Little Miss Hawaiiin Tropics Model Search. In May she will go on to compete at the National Level.

Shelby lives in Utah and is the daughter of Ray and Shannon Albio, Shannon is a member of the Chickasaw Tribe. Shelby is a fourth generation Chickasaw, Granddaughter of Shirley Shannon, great-granddaughter of La-

Wanda Bell Thompson-Ymer.

Shelby loves modeling and also takes ballet, tap, jazz, and tumbling at Show Dance Academy. She has also competed in karate with children twice her age. She is a charming and determined little girl who always accomplishes what she sets her mind to.

Shelby will start kindergarten in the fall. We are so proud of our little girl.



Nannie Wade-Leslie

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Nannie Wade - Leslie was a full-blood Chickasaw. She was born in 1898 and died May 30, 1975. She was married to Bill Leslie. He died in 1963. She had 13 children. She lived at Stonewall and Ada, Okla. Nannie was the pride and joy to all.

Love Ruby Leslie Akins

Keel/Liddell Family Reunion Scheduled

Descendants of Minnie Keel Liddell and Vernon Liddell
Family Reunion
Minnie Liddell Park
July 2 and July 3, 2005
Main dinner and spectacular fireworks show is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, July 2.

Folsom Family Reunion

Is the name FOLSOM somewhere in your family line? If so, you're invited to the 90th Folsom Family Association Reunion, this year in Oklahoma City on July 7-10,

2005. Reservations are due by June 10.

For more information contact Sheron Rodgers at (405) 721-5531 or sheronrogers@cox.net or visit the family website at

Chickasaw Words

Memorial Day—Aaholloppi chofalli Nittak
Grave yard—Aaholloppi, hattak illi aa-aasha
Headstone—Aaholloppi ohikki'ya, hattak illi ohikki'ya
Flower-Numpakali
Obituary—Hattak illi anoli
Christian—Abanumpa yimmi
Death—Illi, loshoma
Funeral Home—Hattak illi aa-aasha
Hearse—Illi shaali
Song—Taloowa
Grave digger—Yakni kolli
Church—Aaittanaha
Prayer—Anumpa ilbashsha
God—Chihoowa
Pallbearer—I tubi hallalli
Casket—Illi i tubi, hattak illi afoka
Sad—Ilbashsha
Expensive—Ayallishto
Bible—Holisso Holitopa
To be over (of a church service)—Tiwapa



Chickasaw Nation rep to be in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha June 20 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs, visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

To be raffled during Chickasaw Festival

King-size quilt celebrates Tishomingo's 150th



Vickie Luster and Letha Clark show the quilt to be given away Oct. 1, 2005 after the annual parade.

Chickasaw White House work nears completion

EMET, Okla. - A renovation project is nearing completion to restore the Chickasaw White House to its former splendor.

A historical marker was dedicated in March 2000 at the home once considered a mansion on the frontier.

The Chickasaw White House earned its name from its color and the fact that it served as home to Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston, who served as elected governor from 1898-1902 and as the first Chickasaw governor to serve by presidential appointment from 1906 until his death at 83 in 1939.

The home contained some very unusual features for the era, including 16-foot ceilings, cherry mahogany fireplace mantles, crystal chandeliers, a dance floor and phonographs.

Located on the north edge of Emet, the Chickasaw White House was the scene for a number of important social and political events.

Prominent politicians, including members of the Dawes Commission, met at the home.

William E. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray was married at the home to Alice Hearrell, a niece of Governor Johnston. Their son, Johnston Murray, was born in the house and later became the

14th governor of Oklahoma.

While Gov. Johnston was a presidential appointee, he nevertheless made it a priority to initiate a number of lawsuits against the federal government seeking restitution for unfulfilled treaty promises. Two of those, one concerning unsold mineral reserves and the other concerning the Leased District, were settled in the tribe's favor after his death.

Gov. Johnston also appealed directly to Theodore Roosevelt to keep "white adventurers" off tribal rolls, help the Chickasaw Nation maintain control of tribal schools, and ensure that Washington lived up to its treaty obligations in regard to taxes.

"His task was one that was

The Johnston County Historical & Genealogical Society has produced a king-size pictorial quilt celebrating Tishomingo's 150th Birthday. The quilt will be raffled off on October 1 after the Chickasaw Parade.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$2 each or three for \$5. Individuals will not need to be present to win if they add their name and phone number to the purchased tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase from all Johnston County Historical & Genealogy Society members. If you wish to purchase tickets by mail, please indicate on your check that it is for quilt tickets and make sure your telephone number is included. Make check payable to Johnston County Historical & Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 804,

Tishomingo, OK. Background material on the quilt is tan and brown tones.

The king-size quilt was created by Vickie Luster and Letha Clark, members of the Society. Pictures include the following; the first, second and third Chickasaw Council House buildings; the R. M. Harris Building; the women who made the walking bridge across Pennington Creek in 1905; Pennington Creek Dam; Chief Tishomingo; R. M. Harris; Douglas Johnston; the Swinging Bridge; Scene from 1955 Tishomingo Centennial Parade with Russell Chapman and Reid Hutchens in antique funeral wagon; J. A. Maytubby, Tishomingo's first Mayor; Dustin Rowe, Tishomingo's youngest Mayor; Norma Chaney, Tishomingo's first woman Mayor;

William H. Murray and Johnston Murray, Oklahoma Governors; Tishomingo parade in early 1900s which shows the building Chick's Grocery is currently located; Aaron Harlan, Tishomingo's first postmaster; Street scene with Armstrong's and Sharpe's Building; Murray College parade scene in 1949; Walker Hotel; Texoma (or Payne) Hotel; Wacker's Store (currently Clothes Box); Hutchen's Oil Company Service Station (currently used for Landmark's ATM Machine); Bessie Poe Hall; Betty Fulton Hall; Haskell Lucas Dorm; Murray College Administration Building (before and after addition); and the Armory Building.

Carter Seminary Reunion



Juanita Tate speaks about the important services offered through the Ardmore senior site during the May 14 Carter Seminary reunion.

Senior Fun Day planned

Seniors from across the Chickasaw Nation are invited to participate in the annual Senior Fun Day, July 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be conducted at the Tishomingo Community Center Gym and will feature a resource fair, games and much more.

For more information, contact your local senior citizen nutrition site.

Pauls Valley Community Council

The Pauls Valley Chickasaw Community Council will meet 7 p.m., June 7 and July 5 at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The June 7 meeting will feature beading lessons.

Everyone is asked to bring family photos and artifacts to the July 5 meeting to share with the group.

For more information contact, Don Summers, (405) 665-2828.



Chickasaw White House located at Emet, Okla.

very difficult, because his job, technically, was to oversee the dissolution of the tribal government after Oklahoma became a state," said Governor Bill Anoatubby during the dedication of the historical marker. "We know that Douglas Johnston accomplished a lot of things, but there is one thing that he did not accomplish, and that was the dissolution of the tribal government. And we can certainly be thankful he did not complete that task."

Johnston lived in the home from 1898 until his death at 83 in 1939. His family members continued to live in the home through 1971.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start – Preparing Kids for the Future

The Chickasaw Nation conducts Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

While Head Start students learn basic skills like the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes, Chickasaw Nation Head Start programs go well beyond the basic learning activities. Children also receive an introduction to reading, languages, music and Chickasaw culture.

“We are very proud of our youth and the Chickasaw Nation Head Start programs,” Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “The skills these students learn while in Head Start serve as a stepping stone for the knowledge and education they will gain in the future.”

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Miss Chickasaw Shelly Wall signs the Lord's Prayer at the Tishomingo Head Start graduation.



Ada Head Start graduates from left, Kelsey Hamilton, Tyler Little, McKaelynn Reed-Binder, Jewelina West, Blake Easterling, Zac Juneck, Gary Delozier, Dakota Truelove, Taite Chadwick, Sky Johnson, Kobe Gabriel, Kendall Castleberry, Carys Worcester, Loreal Harjo, Kaad Gore, Chantel Shaw, Hevyn Parks, Patton Stinnett, Abby Herrod. Back row: Bert Lynch, Carol Shields, Director Danny Wells, Darlene Adams, Deborah Cole, Lt. Gov. Keel, Krystal Bohanan, Gov. Anoatubby, Sharon Johnson, Legislator Melvin Burris, Administrator Lisa John, Legislator Holly Easterling, Brenda Stephens, Linda Rhoten, Marvia



Ardmore Head Start graduates are, front row from left, John Dennis, Jermaria Stapleton, Brittany Olvera, Kristopher Debord, Brandi Olvera, Sammuel Acosta, Trevor Bart, Devin Flores and Savhanna Aguilar. Second row, Dariel Leverett, Andrea Delgado, Aaron Newberry, Kieara Loper, Hannah West, Justin Davis, Aja Murph, Duane Johnson and Jared Wier. Back row, Colton Clanton, Silas Taylor, DeMarco Calvin, Mag-Cox, Gerome Cohee, Chate Lewis, Dalton rip



At right, Tim Harjo and Darlene Adams lead the Ada Head Start graduates in a traditional Chickasaw dance.



Duncan Head Start graduation ceremonies were May 19, 2005. Bottom row from left, Ryan Burden, Samantha Mejia, Zach Sherrill, Manuel Aguilar. Second row Zack Paul, Allie Packer, Daysia Blackwell, Anna Ramos, Marissa Estrada. Third row, Eric Clay, Jasmine Hinchcliff, Arien Wilkins, Ben Sherrill. Fourth row Brittany Walck, Jovanna Davis, Dylan Arbuckle. Back row from left, Chickasaw Junior Princess, Teisa Worcester, Governor Anoatubby, Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson, Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall, Danny Wells and Lisa John.



At left, Duncan graduates, Samantha Mejia, Manuel Aguilar and Allie Packer.



Chickasaw Nation Head Start – Preparing Kids for the Future



Sulphur Head Start graduates are, front row from left, Michaela Johnston, Kerystin Sexton, Jori Cowley, and Ellie Umsted. Second row, John Eldridge, Drake Leming, Shane McGregor, Brandon Latham, AnnaLora Lewis, (back row) Alexia Flincham, Alvin John, Morgan Guinn, Rachel Norton, Ezequiel Ibarra. Back row, Lisa John, Lt. Governor Keel, Governor Anoatubby, Legislator Melvin Burris, Supreme Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and Danny Wells.



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel presented diplomas to the graduates of the Madill Head Start program on May 16 at the Madill Elementary Auditorium. Graduates of the 2004-2005 Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start program are Felipe Alvarez, Enrique Arguello, Tristian Brown, Zoie Garrett, Sarah Garrison, Alejandro Gonzalez, Erika Guterrez, Daniela Hernandez, Jordan Herndon, Andrew Hughes, Trey Hughes, Dylan Merritt, Cole McAlister, Connor O'Neal, Analy O'Neal, Juan Rosas, Darius Seals, Azalan Stowers and Cheyenne Watson.

At right Anna Ramos receives her diploma from Governor Anoatubby and Lisa John.



Graduates from the Tishomingo Head Start received their diplomas during the graduation ceremony May 16 at the Community Center Gym. Graduates are, front row from left, Craig Stevens, Shane Mays, Jessica Door, Emily Patton, Zach Pratt and Roxanne Cook. Back row from left are Sonya Hensley, center supervisor; Lisa John, education division administrator; Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel; Governor Bill Anoatubby; Danny Wells, department director; Legislator Melvin Burris; Regina Anderson, parent involvement/social services manager and Katie Kirkpatrick, teacher.



Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel present Trey Hughes with his Madill Head Start diploma.



Ada Head Start graduate Kaad Gore receives his diploma from Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel.

Chickasaw elder paintings series being prepared

**Submitted by
Robert Perry for the
Council of Elders**

Council of Elders (COE) met April 21 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur. The invited speakers were: (A) Chickasaw artist Mike Larson, accompanied by Martha Larson; and (B) Ms. Rosalie Imotichey of Sulphur, guest of Floyd Shipman.

Mike Larsen is painting a series of 24 Living Chickasaw Elders. Four paintings are completed. He plans to have photographs and interviews done by summer's end; and paintings will follow. He commented, "The series we do is richer than we ever thought. The history we hear is outstanding." These completed paintings are being planned to be shown at Chickasaw Headquarters on a date to be decided. COE suggested elders for interviews.

Ms. Imotichey told about her family and a Chilocco friend, Sgt. Ernie Childers, Medal of Honor winner showing the group photographs. She takes weekly Choctaw language lessons in Sulphur, read the Choctaw versions of the Lord's Prayer and led the Council in singing "48" (Amazing Grace) in Choctaw. COE was invited to the April 29 Taco Sale at Sulphur Indian Center where Rosalie will be helping cook. Her famous fry-bread recipe was passed around.

Mr. Kirk Perry is sharing Chickasaw history that passes daily through the Division of Heritage Preservation. This month, he provided: (1) Churches Plan Wild Onion Feasts, by Judy Robinson, *The Oklahoman* and (2) Excerpts from *The 1708 Expedition to the Mississippi River* by Thomas Nairne (I've tried before to read Nairne's writing for about three days with the early Chickasaw. Since Kirk has been bringing early Chickasaw history, part of Nairne makes more sense). Nairne is the Carolina Indian Agent reporting strategic intelligence to the Proprietors 700 miles east. He identified a "chief" that must be dealt with by traders. He tells how Chickasaw families chose a protector outside of the family;

who protected them and his family and was called "chief." Likewise, two nations at peace chose a protector from the other tribe, who kept the peace by carrying the Eagle pipe. If peace failed, he sent a warning to escape. The Chickasaws called their protector "Funni Mingo" or Squirrel King. Only three Chief military men had been honored as protectors [of a nation]; all who earned this honor by their actions, not heredity. War chiefs had power over village peace chiefs [power split among other Southeastern tribes]. The heads of the Tiger, Muclesa (?), and raccoon clans were peace clans and along with the chiefs [protectors] made up the council for peace.

When the tribes went to war, they depended on amulet bags to dazzle the eyes of the enemy spies so they can't be found. In evenings, two military orators go through the camp and harangue courage into the soldier [like a town crier]. The night before battle, officers opened their amulet bags and hung a little about every soldier's neck. After the battle was won and prisoners taken; they hung the amulet bags about the prisoner's neck and set them to advancing; done to honor the amulets which they believed brought success in battle. The Chickasaws usually went to war with 10 or 12 young women to sing during any action. For success, the singers praised them and degraded the enemy. If their men retreated, the singers changed praises to reproaches. During battle, the songs changed as their party advanced or gave way. [The women seemed to be witnesses, but don't fight; but singing could be high risk in retreat.] Back home again, a young man of the Deer Clan brings the prisoner [or his hair] to the Head of the Hawk Clan [his family] and is honored as the protector of both Hawk and Deer Clans. The protector was given two small white arrows to adorn his hair and a proper war name as honors. No man presumed to wear these arrows unless publicly bestowed.

The Chickasaws lived in an excellent hunting country, but hauling skins [700 miles] degraded their trade. When beaver was a commodity, they sold

about 1,200 skins a year, but preferred slave catching. One slave brought great honor and a gun, ammo and a horse; a hatchet and a suit of clothes. Nairne noted that the Chickasaws were friends with tribes, friendly to Carolina. Nairne named their enemies: Yazoo, Chac-chumee, Choctaw and Illinois tribes.

Nairne's aims were to keep the Chickasaw trade for Carolina, be clever in all dealings and get their help to subdue all others (tribes) under the French. He sees there are plenty of beaver dams; despite a weak English market for beaver, there must be counter trade elsewhere. Strategically, buying beaver skins would easily ruin the French trade in Mobile. Then, after conquering the people, they can buy commodities and keep them in submission. Nairne returned to Carolina to be put into prison for treason and refused to submit the journal and the map.

GAMES: COE members were asked to bring games they used to play. Bob Perry brought a

Chinese checker-board. On visits by grandmother Sophia Reeder, we played the game and she always won. She also rassled us four boys on the floor. Another game was toy cars and airplanes made from blocks of wood and lots of imagination. Lorene Greenwood told about a sort of a game that yielded her Sinte necklace (snake vertebra). Juree, her daughter, is a "game" hunter of Sinte. One Sinte was kept in a glass cage for a year. When Lorene was taking a bath, the snake was watching and she didn't like this, so he became the Sinte necklace.

Actions: Mrs. Beck will tell her Rabbit Story in Chickasaw for multi-media when the film day is scheduled in May. The story in English has already been illustrated by multi-media. COE has started a list of Churches in the Chickasaw Nation that sing or preach in Chickasaw or Choctaw, with meeting times and directions. The list will be offered to be published in Chickasaw Times.

Announcements: Chickasaw Historical Society plans to dedicate a marker at the old Busby Ranch east of Ada at a time to be announced. This is the site of the 1903 Chickasaw-Choctaw stick-ball game. Work is underway for markers at Boiling Spring Church near Lula and a new one on the Chickasaw Bluffs in Memphis, TN. At Chi Kash Sha Reunion the Chickasaw Language Committee plans an area where only Chickasaw is spoken. COE members were urged to practice using more Chickasaw language for future meetings.

Next COE Meeting: Third Thursday, May 19, Chickasaw Motor Lodge, Sulphur. Members will invite other elders for future talks to COE. Council extended invitation to elder Sophia Perry to be the May speaker. Ms. Beck asked members to bring games for next meeting.

Local seminar focus on advocating for children with special needs

ADA – On April 19, over 30 people attended the Positive Communications seminar in Ada. The training was conducted by the newly formed Chickasaw Nation I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) task force, in conjunction with the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the Oklahoma Families First.

Sharon House, with the Oklahoma Parent Center, focused on positively communicating with public school systems during Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings.

The tribe's I.D.E.A. task force plans to sponsor similar trainings in the future. For more information about the task force, contact Michelle Wilson, Director of Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department, at (580) 436-0553.

Honoree



Governor Anoatubby honored Senator Robert Kerr for his many years of support of the American Indian Cultural Center during a May 18 reception celebrating the closing of the \$33 million bond issue.



Chickasaw Census records of 1890 available for review

A Census of Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory was taken in 1890, about six years before the Dawes Commission rolls associated with the allotment process got under way.

Applications for enrollment and the actual enrollment process took place from 1896 to 1914 and that "Dawes Roll" is still the basis for establishing tribal enrollment.

Other years a census of Chickasaw citizens was taken include 1818, 1837, 1856-1860, 1878, 1890, 1893, 1896, 1897 and 1908.

While the "Dawes Roll" was an attempt to identify all Chickasaw citizens eligible to receive allotments, the 1890 census of the Chickasaw Nation was an attempt to record all those living within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Information collected included name, age of head of household, number of children, race, and tribal or U.S. citizenship status. Listings also included the post office nearest the family

residence. In addition, the listing included whether whites in the territory had permits or were "intruders" in the territory.

Joyce A. Rex compiled data from microfilm records into bound volumes of the 1890 Census of Pontotoc County and the 1890 Census of Pickens County.

These counties comprised most of the Chickasaw Nation at the time. Pontotoc County included what is now McClain County and parts of current day

Grady, Garvin, Murray, Pontotoc, Johnston and Coal Counties. Pickens County included what are now Carter, Love and Marshall Counties, as well as parts of current day Garvin, Grady, Stephens, Jefferson, Murray and Johnston Counties.

Both the volumes of the 1890 Census are available for review at the Chickasaw Library, located in the Miko building, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

New census planned

While there have been a number of census counts taken of Chickasaw citizens, most of those have been conducted by outside entities in relation to treaties or other dealings with the federal government.

Preparations are currently under way for an internal census of Chickasaw citizens.

This census is being conducted to compile as complete and accurate list of Chickasaw citizens as is feasible.

In addition to the total number of citizens, an effort will be made to compile additional relevant information to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery of services possible.

Conference focuses on cultural awareness



During the conference, a consumer panel discussed personal experiences with tribal vocational rehabilitation. From left are Jason Scott, Richard Ludlow, Eric Thomas and Francis Wise.

ADA - A conference celebrating the beauty of diversity and awareness of disability was conducted at Kullihoma in May.

About 150 people attended the

training conference. The conference was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (OAMRC) and

the Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Council.

Those in attendance included Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services; the Vocational Rehabilitation programs of the Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, Apache Nation, Iowa Nation, and Delaware Nation; East Central University students, members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe, Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and Wal-mart employees.

Conference attendees also enjoyed Indian tacos, grape dumpings and pashofa provided by the Connerville and Kullihoma senior citizens.

Tribe sponsors rabies clinic

Dr. Gerald Parsons, of the Stratford Animal Hospital, gives a rabies vaccination to Ricky Johnson's dog, Girl, at the Ada Rabies Clinic. Each year the event is hosted by the Ada Area Community Health Representatives (CHRs). The free clinic was open to any person with a CDIB card. During the two-hour clinic, over 200 pets were vaccinated for rabies.



THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2005 SCHEDULE

June 6-10	Candidate filing period (8:00 am-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)
June 14	Challenge to Candidacy ends
June 15	Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m. <i>Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes</i>
June 17	Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times" Press release for candidates, (news media)
July 18	Voter registration closes
July 19	Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes (After-12:00 NOON)
July 22	Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters
August 10	Last day to appoint watcher
August 16	2005 Chickasaw Primary Election Last day to return ballots <u>no later than 10:30 a.m.</u>
	Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press release made public
August 16	Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election
August 19	End of recount period
October 3	Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm. (October 1 st falls on a Saturday)

RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 23	Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels
August 29	Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts
September 20	2005 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION Last day to return ballots <u>not later than 10:30 a.m.</u>
	Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press release made public
September 20	Voter registration re-opens
September 23	Recount period expires
October 3	Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm (October 1 st falls on a Saturday)

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Gov. and Janice Anoatubby with sons Chris and Brian in 1986. The following year, Gov. Anoatubby would be elected to his first term as chief executive.

found was a tribe struggling mightily to provide services to the Chickasaw people.

"I was the new health director, but I had never managed a government contract before," Gov. Anoatubby said. "When I arrived, they handed me the contracts. We were lacking in systems and we didn't have much of a personnel or procurement system. We did have a planning department and an education department. Virtually everything we did was federally funded. I think there was maybe \$25,000 in total tribal funding."

Pat Woods, who is now the tribal administrator for the division of program operations, was a community health representative (CHR) when the new health director arrived. Mrs.



Woods had joined the tribe in 1972.

"My first impression of Bill Anoatubby was that he was a very bright and serious young man, and he was also somewhat introverted," Mrs. Woods recalled. "I remember thinking how young he was to be the health director. Very soon thereafter I didn't notice his youth because he was so effective in his work."

Mrs. Woods said both she and Gov. Anoatubby worked on their communication skills by taking a Dale Carnegie course.

"I was very shy myself, so he and I enrolled in the course to become better speakers," she said. "Making presentations before the class was a real challenge for both of us, but it really helped. Today, Governor Anoatubby is so outgoing and easy to approach."

In June of 1975, Kennedy Brown was director of the



Comprehensive Employment Training Program (CETA). Mr. Brown, now a special assistant to Gov. Anoatubby, joined the tribe in 1974.

"When Governor Anoatubby came on board, I was running the jobs program, trying to help train Chickasaws for jobs," Mr. Brown said. "We had such high unemployment in those days."

Gov. Anoatubby was serious about his work, Mr. Brown said, but it was clear he had a real compassion for the Chickasaw people.



"I've seen the Governor really grow over the years, just as the tribe has grown," Mr. Brown said. "One thing that he's always had is that he is a deep-down people person. He was, and is, always willing to help others. He was very quiet in those early days, but his efforts were always directed at helping Chickasaws."

As health director, Gov. Anoatubby was in charge of the CHRs, family planning representatives and otitis media education. (Otitis media is inflammation of the middle ear, common in Indian people). Each program was a government contract administered by Gov. Anoatubby.

"The CHRs were our contacts in the community," he said. "We tried very hard to deliver the things requested by the people we served."

Delivering important items often meant the CHRs had to improvise.

"The CHRs would pool their resources and put together the dollars to help a person, or they would connect them with the resource that could be of help," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They did about anything they could to help Chickasaws with all kinds of needs. It was tremendous to see the way the CHRs worked with people."

One of the first CHRs Gov. Anoatubby hired was Dean McManus. Mrs. McManus is now a tribal legislator representing Pontotoc District.

"I had been in secretarial school in 1975 and my teacher at Byng saw an ad in the paper for a secretarial position with

the Chickasaw Nation," Mrs. McManus said. "He encouraged me to apply, but I was hesitant because I didn't think I was ready."

Mrs. McManus' instructor assured her she was prepared to accept a secretarial job, so Mrs. McManus applied and was asked to come in for an interview and a typing test.

"Governor Anoatubby was the health director," Mrs. McManus said. "He waited at the office for me to come to the interview because I couldn't get there until after five o'clock. He interviewed me and he was very nice, but I was so nervous."

Following the interview, Gov. Anoatubby gave Mrs. McManus a typing test to complete, and he stepped out of the room to allow the interviewee to concentrate. After several minutes, and hearing no typing sounds from the adjacent room, Gov. Anoatubby looked in to see if there was a problem.

"I just froze and couldn't type a single letter," Mrs. McManus said. "At school I could type and run the 10-key like crazy. But I just got so nervous."

Gov. Anoatubby asked Mrs. McManus if she might be interested in becoming a CHR and helping Chickasaw people with

their needs.

"I was so happy when he told me about the CHR program," Mrs. McManus said. "It was right up my alley. Governor Anoatubby was so kind and he hired me on the spot. I served as a CHR for twenty years from that day on."

In 1975, Congress passed the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Gov. Anoatubby said the Act began to change the way the services were delivered.

"The Act opened up a whole new world for the tribes," he said. "Programs could now be contracted instead of being run by government agencies."

With the advent of Indian Self-Determination, things began to click at the Chickasaw Nation. Gov. Anoatubby helped establish an administrative system, including accounting, personnel and procurement. The tribe began to contract for portions

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Keeping fit has included a little hula hoop exercise now and then!

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where they would hold classes, over near the BIA office," Gov. Anoahtubby said. "They really got with the program and did a lot. They had access to some big equipment and you would see them out operating the machines. A lot of Chickasaws trained through that program."

What he and his co-workers were witnessing, Gov. Anoahtubby said, was the beginning of a new era for the tribes.

"What was happening was the tribe could now contract to provide the services that were formerly provided exclusively by the federal government," he said. "I felt Indian Self-Determination was extremely important. We could now make agreements and contracts to provide services. We could hire people to do the work, and not just training jobs, but real jobs. That helped with our employment."

The tribe could see it needed to develop economically, Gov. Anoahtubby said, and steps were taken to enter the world of commerce. The tribe was operating some gaming enterprises, but those games were at that time limited to bingo and pull tabs. Other commercial endeavors were started up: a cabinet shop, a construction company, a window company. Many things were attempted at first.

"We were making a little money with the Chickasaw Motor Lodge, so we thought we could do some other things to grow our tribal economy," Gov. Anoahtubby said.

By this time, Gov. Anoahtubby had been appointed tribal finance director. As a trained accountant, he was comfortable in the financial environment. He helped establish accounting systems that helped the tribe pass federal audits with high marks. Systems established in personnel, procurement and related areas also standardize processes.

And the tribe continued to establish businesses it believed had opportunities for success. High stakes bingo was instituted, which produced more revenue for the tribe. A tobacco shop was established in Ada. Its success took the tribe by surprise.

"We opened the tobacco shop and stocked it with \$7,200 in inventory," Gov. Anoahtubby recalled.

"We sold out in two days, so we knew it would work."

The tribe built the Davis Trading Post and continued to look for opportunities.

Then-Gov. James saw leadership in the finance director. In 1979, Gov. Anoahtubby was elected to the first of two terms as the tribe's lieutenant governor.

Another milestone in recent tribal history was the establishment of the Chickasaw Constitution in 1983. The Constitution established the executive, legislative and judicial branches of tribal government. With the new government came new responsibilities - and new expenses.

In 1986, the year before Gov. Anoahtubby was elected chief executive of the tribe, Gov. James presented a \$240,000 budget to the tribal legislature for 1987.

"The federal government will not fund your tribal government system, the salaries and other expenses of government," Gov. Anoahtubby said. "Gov. James told the legislators the budget he



Gov. Anoahtubby throws out the first pitch at the new Allen baseball park. The pitcher looks as if he may have played a little ball in his day!

had presented could only be partially funded and that dramatic expense cuts would have to be made. I remember the surprise on some faces. Gov. James let it be known there would be no more deficit spending."

Gov. Anoahtubby, who in 1986 was nearing the end of his second term as lieutenant governor, had decided he would seriously

consider a run for governor upon Gov. James' retirement. Gov. Anoahtubby also decided if he was to have the opportunity to become governor, he had to increase the income being produced by the tribal businesses.



director, current lieutenant governor and soon-to-be-elected Governor Bill Anoahtubby helped lead the climb to financial success. It was resolved that only the interest would be drawn out of the trust account; no principal would be touched.

"That gave us six months of operating funds," Gov. Anoahtubby said. "We would have six months to get the businesses going and fund the budget." The tribal budget was balanced that pivotal year of 1987. Since that time, every tribal budget has been met. There has never been a penny of deficit spending.

By 1988, the business of Indian gaming was looming larger and larger across the country. Questions of Indian sovereignty, competition and open markets were debated across Indian country, and in the halls of Congress.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 would soon become law, and Gov. Anoahtubby and the Chickasaw Nation saw the importance the Act would have on tribal finances across the country.

With new resolve, the former tribal health director, finance

of programs previously operated directly by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. The tribe built a new health clinic in Tishomingo, then began operating portions of the health programs. A clinic was established in Ardmore. The tribe began building clinics by applying for and receiving Indian Community Development Block Grants.

During that first year of Indian Self-Determination, the tribe could feel the push of the federal government to explore its own economic development programs.

The tribe began the Indian Action Team program. The program was designed to train Indian people in the construction trades. Jay Keel, Sr., operated the program for the tribe.

"I remember the Indian Action Team built the three buildings



Bill Anoahtubby is sworn in as lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1979, his first term in that office. Swearing Lt. Gov. Anoahtubby in is BIA official Lafollette Butler.

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In its initial form, the Act called for all Indian gaming to be restricted to reservation land. With no reservations, the Chickasaw Nation and the other Oklahoma tribes would be effectively shut out of this potentially lucrative industry. Gov. Anoatubby, along with several other Oklahoma tribal leaders, crafted new language to be added to the Act. This new

language guaranteed that Oklahoma tribes, even though they had no reservation land, would be allowed to establish gaming facilities.

The new language proved to be incredibly important. The Chickasaw Nation, and the many other Oklahoma tribes engaged in gaming businesses, bring millions of dollars into tribal and local economies.

"We could see at that time

that this business was one we could not ignore if we were to effectively serve the needs of our people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We made the right decision, and we can now fund many of the housing, education, health care, nutrition and elder programs we could only dream about 30 years ago."

Since 1987, when Bill Anoatubby was first elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, tribal programs and services have mushroomed. In 1994 the tribe compacted with the federal government and assumed authority for Indian health care in the IHS service area around Ada. The Chickasaw Nation Health System is made up of Carl Albert Indian Hospital and Family Practice Clinic in Ada, and clinics in Tishomingo, Ardmore, Purcell and Durant. The Health System, which accommodates about 400,000 patient visits annually, is also home to the new Diabetes Care Clinic. Many Chickasaw-specific health care programs are now available through the Health System.

The tribal Housing Division provides new quality housing for Chickasaws and offers special low-down, low-rate home mortgages for Chickasaws.

Tribal education funding has increased many-fold in three decades. Chickasaw students are assisted throughout their college careers with scholarships, grants and other aid designed to see them through to their degrees. Students who may or may not choose college are assisted through tribal programs that offer them information and choices regarding college, trades and vocations.

Chickasaw youth can choose from among a number of specialty tribal camps including football, baseball, golf, art, leadership and space camps.

Chickasaw and other Indian elders enjoy greatly expanded services, including a total of 11 senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation where meals are served daily.

Employment at the tribe and its commercial entities has grown many-fold with more than 5,000 people working today. A new Chickasaw Cultural Center will soon be under construction in Sulphur, designed to tell the full Chickasaw story. Traditional



Chickasaw structures at Kulihioma celebrate Chickasaw heritage and beckon Chickasaws to recall their history.

And each day is a blessing for Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"We always had a mission, and that mission is the same today as it was thirty years ago," Gov. Anoatubby said. "That mission is to improve the lives

of the Chickasaw people. It is an honor to serve as governor of our great nation, and it has been an honor to serve the Chickasaw people for these past thirty years. I look forward to generations of prosperity ahead, for all Chickasaw people."





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Chickasaw woman hammers her way to success



Michele Moody

That old cliché that one person's trash is another's treasure is truer than ever before in these days of widespread identity theft.

Greedy individuals with ill intent need look no further than the street-side trash bin or corner dumpster to find a fortune in someone else's good credit rating.

Michele Moody, a Chickasaw woman living in San Antonio, recognized the problem and found a way to hammer out a solution by founding DocuGuides Secure Shredding.

"I had had a lot of experience in the document industry with storage, with document destruction and I could see that there was a need for extremely secure shredding that companies could

count on that their information would be protected," said Ms. Moody.

After some serious research, she bought a hammer mill truck that pounds the paper into small, irregular pieces that cannot be pieced together. The pounding also removes most of the ink, blurring what is left.

Beyond the security of knowing the documents are shredded beyond recognition, clients also have the assurance of watching the documents being shredded on the spot.

That attention to detail has helped DocuGuides earn the business of several state and federal government agencies as well as a number of retail clients.

While her service helps give assurance to clients, many individuals have become increasingly concerned about disposing of their own personal papers.

"We know a lot of people who have really had anxiety about what they should do with their personal information," said Ms. Moody. "It has become a big focus, because so many people

know someone who has dealt personally with identity theft. And it's a really devastating crime."

To help alleviate some of those fears and to fulfill her mission to give back to the community, DocuGuides offers free shredding to individuals on the first Saturday after the federal tax deadline of April 15.

Hundreds of people bring out pounds of documents from decades-old tax returns to canceled checks, receipts and other personal records.

"We've done this for three years," she said. "We get more and more people every year to participate, because we encourage them to tell their friends and neighbors to come out."

Helping preserve resources by recycling shredded material is another facet of the company's community-minded attitude.

"If we can provide all this security in addition to being kind to the environment, that's what we do," said Ms. Moody. "It takes a little bit longer sometimes. When you recycle you have to put plastics in one bin

and paper in another. We have to be careful about the documents we receive to make sure it's just documents. If there are any binders or different kinds of plastic folders, we have to take those items out."

That's when a little extra help from her teenage sons comes in handy.

Jack and Mike, who are still too young to qualify for the commercial driver's license required to operate the truck, work as part time employees sifting paper from non-recyclable materials.

"We go that extra mile, because we want to be sure that nothing that comes from our company has to go to the landfill," said Ms. Moody. "We

want to be sure that what we shred goes to recycling. And we know that the company that is recycling it is making that into other paper products.

"That's important. We keep up with that for our customers, so they can know that each ton that is recycled saves 17 trees from having to go the paper mill. We tell them how much water is saved, how much electricity is saved and how much landfill space is saved by not taking these documents to the landfill."

Ms. Moody is the granddaughter of original enrollee Vivian Moody. Her parents are Don and Beverly Moody, of Duncan, Okla.

Chickasaw entrepreneur helps guide teens set goals

A busy mom with a thriving business, Michele Moody still takes time to help young women find the path to success.

Ms. Moody, who owns DocuGuides Secure Shredding in San Antonio, works with the National Association of Women Business Owners in a program called "An Income of Her Own." The program is designed to help young teens learn the importance of planning for the future and developing positive habits to help them achieve their goals.

Working with primarily with girls in the eighth grade through sophomores in high school, business owners encourage the girls to visualize where they want to be in 10 years and what they need to do get there.

"If they can come up with a goal, then chances are their decisions will reflect his goal and they will make wise choices," said Ms. Moody. "They will make the grades and make the choices that will enable them to go to college and they will participate in programs that will enhance that goal."

After starting her own business from scratch, Ms. Moody has a wealth of experience to offer.

"You research and you think you know exactly what you are going to do and how it's all going to work," said Ms. Moody.

"I've found that regardless of all the things that you research, you realize once you start a business that there are aspects that perhaps never entered your mind.

"You have to deal with things you didn't realize you'd be spending so much time on, such as insurance and dealing with the department of transportation when you have trucks on the road. And employee issues and being sure that you are in compliance with all the laws and regulations. There's just a lot of running a small business."

For that reason, she advises those anyone who may be thinking of starting their own business to gain as much hands-on experience as possible.

"Starting a business is great, but it is extremely important to get some experience in the industry itself, so that you know what the pitfalls may be. And so I would suggest if someone said, okay, I'm going to open a restaurant – you better go work at a restaurant and be sure you know what you're getting into. Or 'I want to open a printing shop' – go get that experience.

"It's a very humbling experience. You think you know what you're doing when you get into it, but it's a very humbling thing when you realize how much you still have to learn. And it's on the job training."

Angela Burden named Head Start Volunteer of the Year

SULPHUR, Okla. - Angela Burden, of Duncan, Okla., was named Volunteer of the Year during Parent Appreciation Night Ceremonies April 28 at the Murray County Expo Hall.

Among the many activities cited qualifying her for the award were bringing treats for special days and parties, attending every parent meeting, helping acquire donations from local businesses for Christmas presents for students, boiling and coloring Easter eggs and much more.

"However, it is not because Angela Burden has done all of these things, that she deserves to be named Top Volunteer of the 2004-2005 year," wrote the nominators. "Angela deserves this honor because of the caring, giving, selfless and positive attitude she has had while doing all these things."

Ms. Burden was one of dozens of parents, grandparents and other volunteers honored during the event.

"Participation by parents and family is an essential element in

our Head Start program," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Regardless of the other things we may accomplish through this program, encouraging parents to continue

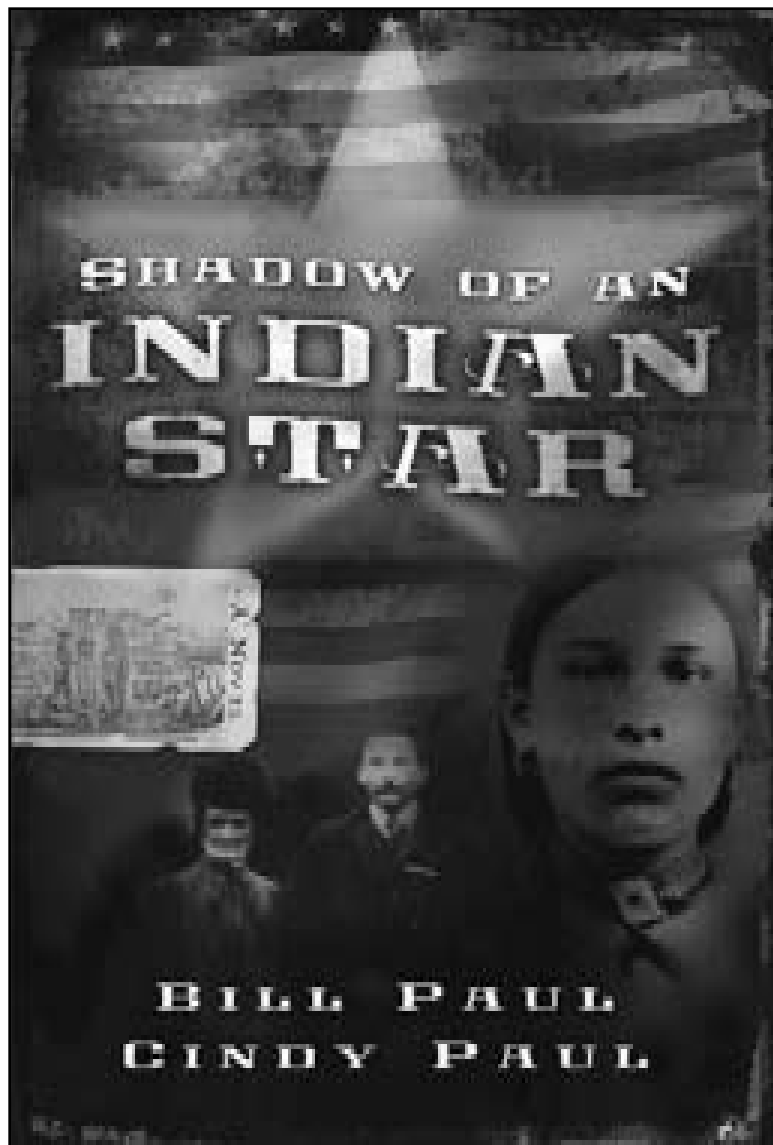
to take an active role in the education of their child is probably the most important."

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Angela Burden receives her Head Start Volunteer of the Year plaque from Danny Wells, director of Head Start.

Shadow recounts adventures of early Chickasaw Nation



As a young boy and teenager, Bill Paul was fascinated by the family legends of gun-fights, bravery, family infighting and betrayal he heard from his grandfather William Ikard "Pike" Paul.

As the years went on, however, he began to believe the stories may have been tall tales grown to new heights in the fertile imagination of his colorful ancestor.

"Over a period of years he told me all these stories," said Bill Paul. "And I thought after a while well, he's just making all this up, because he told some wild stuff."

Years later, as he began to retell the stories to his wife, Cindy, they stirred her interest. A photo of Sam Paul almost seemed to be speaking to her, telling her that if she would do the research, she would find an incredible story.

Almost 10 years later, that incredible story is being published as *Shadow of an Indian Star*, which chronicles a fascinating period of Chickasaw history from the late 1820s to Oklahoma statehood.

"Every time I would sit down

that picture was compelling me to do this," said Cindy.

For two years, she spent most Saturdays and two Fridays a month doing research in Ada, Tishomingo, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma City or Fort Worth.

She spent countless hours reading records of court cases, Chickasaw Senate records, newspaper articles, talking to local historians and gathering other historical information.

"I would go read four or five hours. I felt like my eyes were going to bulge," said Cindy, who began her research gathering what seemed like isolated bits of information. "It was almost like a piece of puzzle, a jigsaw puzzle, and it was blue, but I didn't know if it was water, sky, a bluebird. I didn't know."

Bill said, "It turned out to be quite a project. I tell everybody, 'in the movies you see this guy with the 60-watt light bulb and he's typing away and all at once he writes the end and rips it off. It's not that way.'

"It's amazing the research she did," Bill added. "There's no telling how many hours she spent. She just kept bringing this

stuff in. She would call me from different places – coming back from Fort Worth or something, and she'd go 'you know that story your grandpa told you – well, he didn't lie.'"

Throughout the process, Bill found his own unique method of making sense of all that information.

"Bill took a piece of butcher paper and each date and event – he would write it out so he could look at it chronologically," said Cindy.

"It was eight feet tall and I just divided it up into years from 1824. I wrote everything that happened in that year, I mean everything – who got killed, when they were in the Senate, when they got elected, when they ran for governor of the Chickasaw Nation, who was born when, when they were tried," said Bill. "It's eight feet long and it's covered –that's the only way I could keep up with it."

After selling an agent on the story idea, the pair took the time and effort to craft all that information into an exciting, fast-paced novel.

That process involved writing, rewriting and submitting manuscripts to editors who suggested changes and deletions. After that came more writing, rewriting and editing, until they finally had a manuscript to begin submitting to publishers.

Synergy Books is publishing an initial run of 10,000 copies

of the book, which is scheduled to be in bookstores across the U.S. Sept. 1.

A limited number of copies are currently available through the Chickasaw Outpost. To order, call (580) 332-1458.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Cindy and Bill Paul, authors of *Shadow of an Indian Star*.

Book review

Shadow of an Indian Star shines brightly

This long neglected and artfully crafted tale goes beyond the story of a 19th century white man and Chickasaw Indian woman torn between romance and honor to tell of the incredible impact their love and decisions had on generations to come.

Smith Paul, a pioneer boy from North Carolina, was adopted by the Chickasaw tribe after risking his own life to rescue a young brave from the jaws of death.

While with the tribe, he meets the lovely and compelling, but out of reach, Chickasaw woman Ala Teecha.

Paul comes to love and respect the Chickasaw people, staying with the tribe and longing for the day he might make Ala Teecha his bride.

This account chronicles the life of the Paul family and the Chickasaw Nation for three generations, including removal from their homeland to Indian Territory through the later battles surrounding Oklahoma

statehood.

Opening with images of a young Smith Paul looking wistfully back on a home and family he will never see again, we get glimpses into his soul as those images are artistically interwoven with memories of the events leading up to his heart-rending decision to leave.

A blend of righteousness, sage wisdom and self-possessed bravery, with a streak of stubborn independence seething beneath the surface, Smith is the first in a long list of carefully drawn characters introduced by authors Bill and Cindy Paul.

Smith's decision to avoid a battle he would rather fight, were it not for the suffering it would certainly bring to his family, foreshadows a decision faced later by Chickasaws confronting removal from their homeland.

Seen through the eyes of warriors zealously anticipating the opportunity to risk their own lives for the honor of their people, but unwilling to sacrifice

the lives of family members, even that familiar page of history comes alive in a whole new way.

Sam Paul, Smith's half-Chickasaw son, inherits his father's stubborn independence, which is manifested in a kind of foolish bravery for much of his life. A neglectful father and renegade lawman, his father's righteousness and wisdom begin to surface in Sam after a stint in prison.

Treated as just another savage by the system he once openly flouted, Sam emerges from his cell fully intent on making things right for the Chickasaw people and his family.

Ironically, he is never fully accepted by either and the tale turns tragic.

This artful use of authentic characters working their way through excruciatingly frustrating and personal decisions brings historical events from the trail of tears to the battles over

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Elders honored with volunteer awards

ADA – The 2005 Chickasaw Nation Senior Volunteer Awards presentation was April 22 at the Ada Community Center Gym.

Over the past year, more than 300 volunteers have dedicated time to Chickasaw Nation Senior Sites.

During the awards reception, Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel presented individuals who volunteered one to 49 hours with a certificate. Those who volunteered 50 to 99 hours received a mug. Individuals volunteering from 100 to 299 hours received a desk pen set. Those who volunteered from 300 to 499 hours received key rings and volunteers for more than 500 hours received an eagle plaque.

Individuals who volunteered from 100 to 299 hours included: Pauline Alexander, Clark Coghurn, Artie Cooper, Betty Jo Dees, Ruthie Ellis, Nell Goforth, Geneva Gregory, Alma Lillard, Mildred Green, Margaret Melville, Nadine Owens, Alice Phillips, Carol Stout, Merle Stick, Sophie Perry, Beulah Shavney, Carol Davis, Dorothy Hold, Jessie Kale, Nadine Lewis, Carl Brown, Hawaii Davidson,

Ben Willis, Loretta Willis, Winnie McNeely, Yvonne Harper, Joanne Parker, Rosie Sisson, Sue Richards, Bonnie Stowers, Jessie Sandefur, Magdaline Montgomery, Adda Cole, Mark Wallace, Wanda Farrow, Ethel Brooksher, Corky Somers, Mary Hayes, Helen Parnacher, Melva Dillard, Edina Williams, Lajunta Nelson, Lillie Ward, Bonnie Danyear, Mary Alexander, Hanna Corsello, Sadie Hearrell, Hiawatha Reed, Jerry Underwood and Catherine Pendergraft.

Those volunteering from 300 to 499 hours were: Bernice Patrick, Ginger Paulk, Morgan Wells, Mike Jefferson, Lou Norman, Floyd Parnacher, Ruby Adkins, Ruby Cardinal, Mollie Perry, Lenora Hobbs, Lottie Routzong, Marcia Jones, Deron Stowers, Pearl Williams and Wanda Russell.

Volunteers dedicating more than 500 hours included: Henry Patrick, Virginia Bowers, Phercella Wells, Lee Crossley, Flora Perry, Bessie Smith, Dean Starnes, Guy Eva Stowers and Ella Ross.

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allotment and impending statehood into sharp, emotional focus.

Combine those elements with images that move through your mind like a classic film and readers may very well find themselves actually speaking to the book's characters as if they were long-time friends or hated enemies.

This work of historical fiction based on real events combines elements which appeal to virtually any reader.

Romance, revenge, adven-

ture, humor, politics and personal tragedy are woven together in a compelling saga which moves the reader like the grasslands swept along by the wind in the valley first discovered by Smith Paul in the mid 1800s.

Shadow of an Indian Star is a stimulating, fast-paced novel which also provides profound insight into history, and the souls of the men and women who made it.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Shadow Book Signing June 24

ADA - *Shadow of an Indian Star* is scheduled to be in bookstores across the U.S. Sept. 1. It will be available in limited numbers from the Chickasaw Outpost and by special order beginning in early June.

Authors Bill and Cindy Paul are scheduled to make a personal appearance to discuss the

book and autograph copies of the book 2 to 4 p.m. June 24 at the Chickasaw Nation library, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

For more information about the book, a schedule of personal appearances or to read excerpts, visit the Website www.shadowofanindianstar.com.

To order, call (580) 332-

Apply now for Chickasaw language classes

Students interested in learning Chickasaw are encouraged to apply now for language classes which will be conducted in several communities across the Chickasaw Nation this summer.

Teaching teams, each consisting of a fluent speaker and a facilitator, will lead the classes, which have been tentatively scheduled for Ardmore, Ada, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Purcell.

Teachers will utilize a variety of teaching methods de-

signed to motivate students and make classes more interesting.

While classes will vary from community to community, each will include aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and history as well as Chickasaw language.

Class activities may include meals, field trips, storytelling and a variety of other hands-on experiences to enhance the learning experience.

Class times, dates and locations will be determined based on community interest and other

relevant factors.

Those with some knowledge of the Chickasaw language are strongly encouraged to attend these classes, which will focus on improving proficiency in the language.

Anyone with an interest in learning Chickasaw, however, is welcome and will benefit from the classes.

For information, or to sign up for classes, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

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Chickasaw students honored by Indian Student Honor Society

OKLAHOMACITY – A large group of Chickasaw Nation high school and college students were among the honorees at the 16th Annual Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (OISHS) Banquet conducted recently at the Clarion Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

The banquet, sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education, honors top American Indian students based on six criteria: academic enrollment, tribal identity, scholastic achievement with a requirement of a cumulative 3.9 GPA or above, service/leadership, character and Indian cultural activities.

The OISHS committee is responsible for the final selections for the honor after reviewing the applications submitted by nominees.

A total of 506 students representing 30 Indian tribes were inducted into the honor society in 2005. The Chickasaw Nation had 47 tribal member students receive this prestigious award.

This year's Chickasaw winners were: Joy Barrick, Jessica Kinsey, Randi Howard and William Hogan from Ada High School; Amber Brecht, Caroline Colbert and Kathryn Colbert from Ardmore High School; Mollie Stamper and Rachel Byars from Beggs High School; Alex Spier from Bristow High School; Kelly Chatfield, Preston Petty, Rachel Underwood and Brandon Solana from Byng High School; Chealsie Wines from Colbert High School;

Sarah Scott from Claremore High School; Ethan Davis, Tonnie Harrison, Megan McDaniel, Cody Harrison, Grady Harrison, Ryan Hisaw, Kris Kincheloe, Sarah Osuna, Crystal Price and Sarah Williams from Durant High School; Rachel Turner, Andrew Weatherford and Shannon Goforth from Edmond Memorial High School; Emily Cole and Susanne Nix from Edmond North High School; Audra Helms from Eufaula High School; Jeremy Bishop from Grove High School; Reva Nail from Kingston High School; Elizabeth Gentry from Lindsay High School; Joshua Carney and Travis Randell from McAlester High School; Monty Vietzke

from Pauls Valley High School; Chelsea Aldridge and Rachel Williams from Plainview High School; Tamara Shackelford from Purcell High School; Katie Johnson and Megan Melton from Vanoss High School; Sara Norton from Velma-Alma High School and Rikki Wolfe from Schuler High School.

The OISHS was first established in 1989, honoring American Indian high school students in grades ninth through 12th and both undergraduate and graduate college students. More than 5,500 American Indian students have received the OISHS accolade since 1989.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Head Start dancers



Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start students learn the basics of traditional dancing.

‘Its About Money’

Health Savings Accounts offer taxpayer advantages



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) were created by the “Medicare Prescription, Drug Improvement and Moderniza-

tion Act of 2003” that was signed into law by President Bush in December, 2003. During the relatively short time since that law was passed HSAs have already changed the way that millions of people meet their health care needs. HSAs are designed to help individuals save for qualified medical and retiree health expenses on a tax-advantaged basis.

Basically, any adult who is covered by a high-deductible health plan (and has no other first-dollar coverage) may establish an HSA. Tax-advantaged contributions to the HSA may be

made in three ways. First, the individual or family can make tax deductible contributions even if they do not otherwise itemize deductions on their personal tax returns; second, the individual’s employer can make contributions that are not taxed to either the employer or the employee; third, employers sponsoring cafeteria plans can allow employees to contribute untaxed salary through a salary reduction.

To encourage saving for health expenses after retirement, individuals age 55 and older are allowed to make additional catch-

up contributions to their HSAs. Once an individual enrolls in Medicare they are no longer eligible to contribute to their HSA. Amounts contributed to an HSA belong to the account holder and are completely portable. Funds in the account can grow tax free through investment earnings, just like an IRA.

Finally, funds distributed from the HSA are not taxed if they are used to pay qualified medical expenses. Unlike amounts in Flexible Spending Arrangements that are forfeited if not used by the end of the year, unused funds remain available

for use in later years.

HSAs are growing very rapidly in popularity. To find out more about HSAs visit with your financial advisor or go online to www.msainfo.net.

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Piomingo, Ugulaycabe appear through ‘cultural filters’

Tribe, leadership viewed as allies or enemies in 1700s

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Bill Anoatubby has been governor since 1987. His remarks, opinions, decisions, and accomplishments are contained in thousands of letters, memos, e-mails, reports, tribal publications and reported via the media. The same was true in a more limited way of his predecessor, Overton James, and to a lesser extent of their forerunners back to Gov. Douglas Johnston, who assumed leadership in 1898.

Even if we know little or nothing about them, we could learn a great deal. Anyone who wants to research Chickasaw governors of the 20th century can find substantial amounts of material in tribal and federal repositories. From those tribal documents written or signed by the leaders, readers can get impressions of the individuals who led the Chickasaw Nation.

But it’s a much different story when considering tribal leaders of the 18th and 19th centuries. At the beginning of the tribe’s sustained recorded history just prior to 1700, we learn almost nothing of the tribe’s individual chiefs, usually not even their names. The first time a Chickasaw’s name appears in a colonial document was 1708; it was recorded by Thomas Nairne, an English officer who spent a few days observing and questioning tribal members. Nairne identified

three chiefs by name, but he elaborated only on one, Fattalamee, a peace chief who apparently renounced his civil duties to become a war chief after he realized how profitable (Indian) “slave Catching” was.

This wasn’t much, but it was a start. Unfortunately, Nairne’s successors who met, spoke with and observed the Chickasaws, wrote almost nothing significant about individual tribal leaders. Even the man who knew them best, trader James Adair, who lived with the tribe for periods of years in the 1740s and ‘50s, provided almost no illumination in his reports and his 500-plus page opus, *History of American Indians*. Occasionally, the names of chiefs are included in French and English reports, but the reporters record scarcely any details about their Chickasaw counterparts.

The picture we most often get from the colonial records is an Indian tribe that always seems to be acting or reacting in unison, as though members took orders from a central authority. (If we know one thing about the 18th-century chiefs, we know they had no coercive power.) In passage after passage, we learn in these stilted, self-serving accounts that the tribe had allies and enemies, and apparently nothing in between.

A few exceptions to the anonymity of Chickasaw leaders appear in the literature. In the

early 1730s, French chroniclers note chiefs, such as Ymaytabe Leborgne, who are said to be pro-French. Of course, that name was not his true name but one that was bestowed on him by the French to signify a characteristic, an impaired eye. But if he and others were allies, where were they at the Battle of Ackia in 1736 when the French needed them the most?

The chiefs who are identified by name seem one-dimensional. French and English colonial records state or insinuate that Paya Mattaha and Mingo Houma were great leaders but they provide no evidence. If they were great leaders, why is there no elaboration? Because their greatness was beside the point to the colonials. The narratives indicate that these and other Chickasaw leaders were either allies to be manipulated or enemies to be liquidated.

From early English records, we learn that Squirrel King (a title not a name) led a band of Chickasaws to the Savannah River and established a home there for decades. But mainly what we learn about Squirrel King comes from one English official who says that Squirrel King’s exodus from the homeland was cowardly. He and his followers could no longer take the heat from the French instigated Indian attacks.

Otherwise, no colonial quoted Squirrel King or ventured an

opinion about why he left the homeland. It is entirely possible that Squirrel King led his people to the Savannah River region to help keep the trading path open from Charles Town to Chickasaw country. This trading path was the lifeline to the main body of Chickasaws during the middle part of the 18th century, when the French and their Indian allies were trying to vanquish Chickasaws as they had the Natchez twenty years earlier.

In the last 25 years of the century, the colonial records contain many more references to Chickasaw leaders by name. By this time, the records mainly are American and Spanish, which have replaced the English and French as competitors for Indian land in the lower Mississippi Valley. Furthermore, we read a few extended letters from Chickasaw chiefs especially Piomingo and Ugulaycabe (also known as Wolfs Friend) and James Colbert and his sons.

But these letters were not written by the leaders. They were accounts taken down by non-Indians of what the chiefs had said or dictated. Undoubtedly, the recorders or their superiors omitted parts of their messages as being unnecessary or irrelevant. For that reason and because they couldn’t commit their own thoughts to paper (or parchment), these Chickasaw leaders appear to us in print

through heavy cultural filters as resolute allies or enemies. If we think beyond such bias, the sharp focus softens and the Chickasaw leaders become shadowy figures.

We know the tribe was deeply split in the 1780s and 1790s over whether to support the Americans or the Spanish. And the two leaders, Piomingo (pro-American) and Ugulaycabe (mainly pro-Spanish) were being quoted more and more in colonial correspondence. But there is no clue about how the tribe functioned despite these factions, and how a potential civil war was averted. Such are the limits of the new, improved source material at the end of the 18th century.

The 19th century was a time of transition. Before removal (starting in 1837), an increasing but still small number of Chickasaws intermarried with non-Indians and began living less traditional lives. By the 1820s, there were four Presbyterian missionary schools in the old homeland. They were attended by relatively few mixed-blood children. Nevertheless, they were the first generation to learn how to read and write. So, they could read news accounts, but newspapers were still quite rare on the frontier and the standard means of communication remained word-of-mouth. During this period, some leaders such as

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Amy Smith

Amy Marie Smith is a 2005 graduate of Liberty High School, Bakersfield, Calif. She is the daughter of Larry and Peggy Smith. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Lois Pugh and Raymond and Edna Smith.

Amy has been an outstanding student all her high school years. She will finish in the top 5% of her school with her GPA. She was a member of the swim team four years and worked part-time at Chili's, a local restaurant and volunteered to work with the children at our local church.

Her plans are to attend Bakersfield College then attend a four-year college. Her major is undecided.



Megan Dailey

Megan Michelle Dailey is a 2005 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas. She is the daughter of John and Alice Ann Dailey. She is the granddaughter of Finis and Alice Hamilton Baker and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Tom Hamilton.

Megan is a member of the National Honor Society, marching band, concert and jazz band. She received the Girl Scout Gold Award and Silver Award, 1st Division Rating UIL Flute Solo and flute ensemble, named best pianist Collin County Community College Jazz Festival, participated in junior varsity volleyball, swimming, drill team

She has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and plans to major in visual arts.



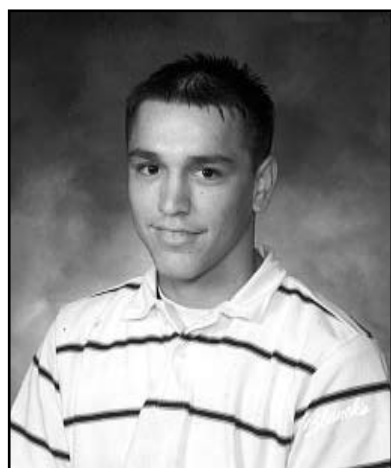
Derrick Brown

Derrick Brown is a 2005 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. He is the son of Regina Williams and the grandson of the late Clifford and Bessie Brown, Allen. He has one sister, Natasha.

Derrick is 7/16 Chickasaw and has attended Allen Public Schools for 13 years. He

maintained a 3.2 GPA. His hobbies include playing basketball and hanging out with friends. Wearing number 23 he played guard for the Allen Mustangs from his freshman through his senior year. He has accomplished many achievements as a team player as well as an individual. He was involved in Future Community and Career Leaders of America, Business Professionals of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a State Qualifier High Jump 2002-03, named to the Ada All Area Team, ECU Conference - All Conference 2004-05, Pontotoc All Conference 2004-05, Ada Evening News All-Star Team 2005, Ada Evening 2nd Team All-Area 2005, Little River Conference All-Star Game 2005, and a 22005 Oklahoma Indian All-State Boys Basketball 1st Team South. He lettered 2-years in golf, track and football and 3-years in basketball.

Derrick plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.



Tanae Reeves

Tanae Reeves is a 2005 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Brian and Tracie Reeves Carter and the late Steven Reeves. She is the granddaughter of Roger Reeves, Glenda Davis, Macalyn Duke and Ricky and Betty Carter. She is the mother of Stevy Reeves.

Tanae will also graduate from the cosmetology program at the Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, and will take her state board exam in June. She has been active in the French club at Ada High for three years and enjoys listening to music, computers and practicing her cosmetology. She attends Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

Tanae plans to pursue an occupation in cosmetology while attending East Central University, Ada.

Jacob Crabb

Jacob Crabb is a 2005 graduate of LeJeune High School, Camp LeJeune, N.C. He is the son of Rick and Jenette Crabb and the grandson of Don and Betty Crabb.

Jacob served as president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He played varsity golf, is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in student government. He volunteers with many areas in the community and has received numerous scholarships.

He will attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and major in history.



Richard Davis

Richard Steven Davis is a 2005 graduate of Belton High School, Belton, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis, Sr. He is the grandson of Charles and Betty Davis of Kingston, Okla. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Wallace of Madill, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wallace of Lovington, N.M., and Winnie Burris of Madill. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee, the late Vivian Wallace.

His plans are to attend college.



Chris Zellner

Chris Zellner is a 2005 graduate of Mid-American Vo-Tech, Wayne, Okla. He is the son of Julia Walker of Davis, Okla., and Paul Zellner, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the grandson of J.D. and the late Joyce Walker.

Chris will graduate with a 2-year certificate in drafting. He works as a drafter for CNI Technologies, Purcell, Okla.

He plans to attend college part-time this fall and continue working in drafting.



Kellie John

Kellie Alison John is a 2005 graduate of Tishomingo High School. She is the daughter of Luther and Judy John. She is the granddaughter of Betty Zephier of Stillwater, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of the late Lily Hotema, an original enrollee.

Kellie has attend the Tishomingo School System for eight years. She also attended schools at Okmulgee, Okla. Her school activities include: band, Native American club, art club and FCCLA. Her other activities included membership in the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council. Her awards and honors include being named "Sweetest in Senior Class"

After graduation she plans to attend college to pursue a degree in chemistry, and possibly become a forensic scientist.



Charles Gaither

Charles Wayne Gaither is a 2005 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Virgil and Jeanna Gaither. He is the grandson of Scooter Harris and the late Carolyn Young Harris, Floyd Gaither and the late Virginia Scruggs Gaither. He is a descendent of James G. Young.

Charles plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.



Ashley Tolbert

Ashley Tolbert is a 2005 graduate of Wilson High School, Wilson, Okla. She is the daughter of Lou Ann Epley and Dennis Tolbert. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie Epley, the late Maurice Epley, Della Tobert and the late Verle Tolbert.

Ashley has attended the Wilson School System for nine years. She has been a member of the Beta Club for three years, 4-H for five years, FFA for four years, FCA for five years, yearbook staff for two years and is a member of First Baptist Church, Wilson. She has played basketball for four years, fast-pitch softball for one year, slow-pitch softball for two years and has been in Cheerleading for four years.

Her honors include *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Student of the Month, Oklahoma Honor Society, Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, Football and Basketball Homecoming Queen 2004-05, All-American Scholar Award, Region 5 All-District softball, All-Conference basketball, Student of the Year, Lady Eagle Scholarship Award, Army Scholar Athlete, President's Education Award, slow-pitch softball All-State and South Central American Indian Achievement Award.

Ashley has been accepted at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. She plans to major in physical education.



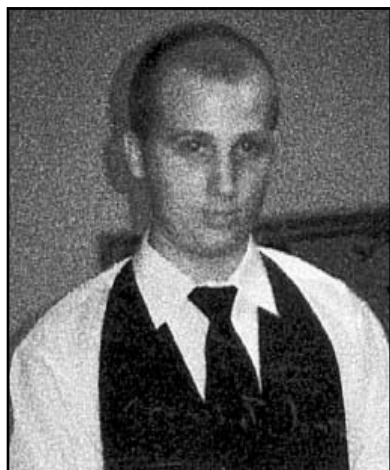
Jared Tidmore

Jared James Tidmore is a 2005 graduate of Valliant High School, Valliant, Okla. He is the son of Zena Tidmore and the late Cecil Tidmore. He is the grandson of Billie and Cecil Tidmore and Marie and Morris Hopkins.

Jared was named to *Who's Who American National Honor Society* and the Principal's Honor Roll his freshman through senior years. He received the Letter V Award in his freshman, sophomore and junior year. His freshman year he received an award for placing at a curriculum contest in Spanish I and an award in Spanish I.

His sophomore year, he received awards in Algebra 2 and Spanish 2.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a computer programming degree. Then seek a position creating various software programs with Sony or another well known company.



Courtney Haw

Courtney Leigh-Ann Haw, a Chickasaw, graduated from the A+ Academy on May 28. Courtney is 16 and is graduating a year early. She is in the top five percent of her class. She also is an honor graduate, graduating on the Distinguished Academic Plan, which is the highest plan in the state of Texas.

Her accomplishments include: two years at Wylie State College Upward Bound Math and Science Program; one full year at Eastfield Junior College History and English Dual Credit Program; eight years of dance - Lancaster Dance Academy.



Linda Greenwood

Linda F. Greenwood, Rapid City, S.D., is a 2005 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She received her bachelor of arts degree in human resources counseling, May 14, 2005.

She is the daughter of Geraldine Greenwood of Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil Greenwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Mariah and Barney Greenwood and the late Anne and McCurtain Factor.

She is the mother of Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall and Wyatt, Bryce, and Leslie Wall and Jodie Harjo. She is the grandmother of Wesley Harjo. She is very close to her two brothers and six sisters.

She is formerly of Ada, and a graduate of Latta High School. She previously worked for the Chickasaw Nation in various departments before making her home in Rapid City.

She continued her education at East Central University by way of online courses. She is employed by the Lakota Nation at the Pine Ridge Reservation School System as a counselor.

Her future plans are to continue are education and hopefully to enroll in law school in the near future.



Upward Bound Leadership Council participates in state conference

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council attended the **Upward Bound State Leadership Conference** in Oklahoma City at Embassy Suites on March 25 and 26. Students listened to motivational speakers and participated in workshop sessions. Starla Clayburn was selected to give a five-minute presentation to introduce the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program to all the other programs attending. The students also enjoyed a dance. The conference was hosted by the Upward Bound program at Oklahoma State University. Students attending included Starla Clayburn, Ashley Dixon, Beth Huddleston, Jeremy Strang, Jordin Tipton, Brooke Gilbert, Clifton Keck, Brandon Wilkerson, Shawna Baxter and Susan Bray. Staff members attending were Mr. Mike Cox, Ms. Rebecca Durlington, Ms. Tracey Vasquez, Ms. Susan Webb and Mr. Rici Love.



Starla Clayburn



Students attending the Upward Bound Leadership Conference included Starla Clayburn, Ashley Dixon, Beth Huddleston, Jeremy Strang, Jordin Tipton, Brooke Gilbert, Clifton Keck, Brandon Wilkerson, Shawna Baxter and Susan Bray. Staff members attending were Mike Cox, Rebecca Durlington, Tracey Vasquez, Susan Webb and Rici Love.

Upward Bound staff at Emerging Leaders Institute Training



The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff attended the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Programs (ODSA) Conference March 21-24 in Tulsa. Tracey Vasquez, Elaine Benson and Susan Webb completed the fourth session of their Emerging Leaders Institute Training at the conference by facilitating workshops and hosting the silent auction. Vasquez, far left in photo at left, received a certificate and an engraved plaque/clock for completing ELI 2. Benson and Webb, far right and fourth from right in the same photo, received certificates and engraved key chains for completing ELI 1. Other staff attending the conference included Mike Cox, director of Trio programs; Rebecca Durlington, instructional coordinator; and Miguel Correa, academic advisor.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students enjoy Yard Dawgz football game



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz football game.

On April 23, the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students went to an Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz Arena Football game at the Ford Center. Students also enjoyed a meal at Joe's Crab Shack. The OKC Yard Dawgz competed against the Quad City Steamhealers. Students attending were Brandon Costley, Toby Garmon, Shellan Gray, Curtis Harpole, Riley Harpole, Beth Huddleston, Nick Lambert, Kendra Lanier, Daniel Smith, Denver Winchester, Tyler Wise, Kasondra Yates, Theresa Brewer, Michael Brown, Jessica Carter, Brecken Eason, Brooke Gilbert, Rebecca Moore, Jennifer Pedigo, Amanda Riley, Ashley Talbott, James Wyler, John Reinhart, Sirena Adams, Justin Costley, Sharla Dewitt, Julie Emerson, Jessica Joslin, Kevan McBride, Travis Phipps, Patricia Schwartz, Brittany Waldrop and Ambher Williams.

Foundation Booth at Native American Career & College Day



On February 23, the Chickasaw Foundation hosted a booth at the Native American Career & College Day at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada. Approximately 100 brochures, pens and scholarship applications were provided to students from various schools. The staff answered scholarship questions and visited with students about their career plans. From left, Susan Webb, Elaine Benson, and Tracie Carter.

Upward Bound students attend senior day at Murray State College



TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound bridge students joined other area high school seniors by attending **Senior Day** at Murray State College on April 13. This annual event hosted by the college provides beginning freshman the opportunity to enroll and have fun at the same time.

All the students were divided into teams of 10 for group games, activities and prizes. Competitions included a four-way tug of war, dodgeball, a race to unthaw a frozen t-shirt with body heat only, a fear factor eating contest and the annual mudbash. An Art Fest was also held as well as tryouts for drama, basketball and softball.

Students attending included Jordan Tipton, Jeremy Strang, Clifton Keck, Matthew MacDonald, Georgia Kemp, David Litts, Keith Watkins, Lee Smith, Amanda Leyva, Brooke Gilbert, Sam Johnson, Toby Garmon, Daniel Smith, Mona Ragan, Ashley Dixon and Sheree

Face-painting fun at Children's Fair

On Saturday April 2, the Chickasaw Foundation provided a face-painting booth at the **Children's Fair**. The theme for the booth was "Children should be seen and not **HURT!**" The theme was announced over the loud speakers as having a good message.

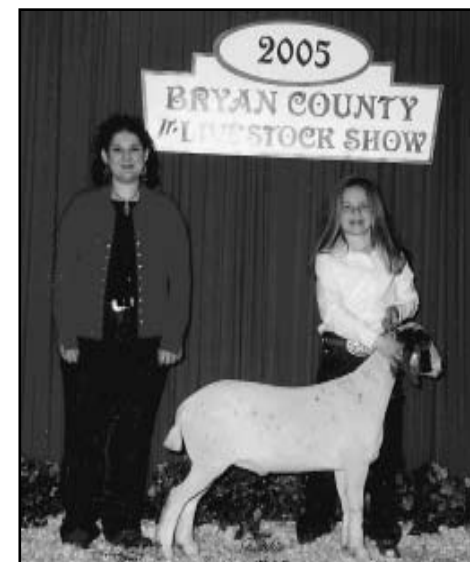
Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students assisted with face painting, handing out pencils, and helping children onto air-filled games at other booths. These students understand the importance of volunteer work when applying for scholarships, and are happy to be able to lend a helping hand.

Students volunteering were Curtis Harpole, Riley Harpole, Tyler Wise, Stephanie Benner, Brooke Gilbert, Nina Lawrence, Kimberly Lewis, Amanda Riley, Kaylea Taylor, Amanda Brantley, Elizabeth Elliott, Sarah Kirk and Jeremy Webb. After the fair, the students were treated to a Mexican meal at La Fiesta.



Hailey Carter

Chickasaw students at the Bryan County Livestock Show



Kristen Rogers

April 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for April 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Nicole Parker, Comanche Elementary, **Garrison McCauley**, Comanche Elementary, **Taylor Shae Anderson**, Comanche Jr. High, **Jared Barber**, Greenville Jr. High and **Cameron Piercy**, Comanche High are the Student of the Month for April in Pickens District.

"**Nicole Parker** is very polite and always pays attention," said Mrs. Sessums. "She listens to instruction, follow directions and never causes any problem. She is kind and considerate of her classmates and all teachers in this school. Nickie is a sweetheart!"

"**Garrison McCauley** is a respectful young student," said Linette Simpson. "He is very attentive to his school work. He is also willing to help others when needed."

"I would like to nominate **Taylor Shae Anderson** for Student of the Month," Todd Richards said. "She has a very outgoing personality and manages to befriend anyone who crosses her path. She excels in drama and theater and is active in several community organizations."

"She has very high morals standards and maintains a posi-

tive self image as well as many life time achievement goals. She would represent your organization with honor and pride."

"**Jared Barber** consistently comes to school with a positive attitude and always turns in his work," said Wendy Easley. "He participates without making negative comments and always gives respect. Jared plays basketball while maintaining a great average."

"For the past four and one-half years, it has been my pleasure to have **Cameron Piercy** on my competitive speech team," said A. Smith. "He shows exemplary character and has been an outstanding competitor with 390 points with the National Forensics League, which puts him with the highest total of any sophomore. As a freshman, he was State Champion with his Original Oration, 'Wal-Mart Is The Devil,' in which he expounded on the problems of monopolies in American society. Along with oration, Cameron also competes in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Humorous Interpretation, and Domestic Extemporaneous Speech. He also takes an active roll in Student Congress and had top scores as a freshman."

"Last year he was treasurer for National Forensics League, and this year he is the vice-president. He shows great leadership skills and is always willing to spend extra time working on his projects, as well as helping the rest of his team."

"Beyond speech and debates, Cameron also participates in Academic Bowl, French Club and Student Council. He is also vice-president of his sophomore class. During middle school and high school, he has maintained a 4.0 grade average. He is dedicated to his school and all of its activities. He would be a very deserving candidate for Student of the Month, and I highly recommend him for this honor."

Cheyenne Eason, Ravia Elementary, **Daris Parker**, Ravia Elementary, **Krystal McCraw**, Tishomingo Middle School and **Ryan Todd**, Tishomingo Middle School are the April Students of the Month for Tishomingo District.

"**Cheyenne Eason** is an outstanding student. She always strives to do the best she can in

everything that she does," said Debbie Allan.

"**Krystal McCraw** is a very responsible student. She is on time to class and is prepared to work and participate in class desiccations," said Donna

Owens. "Her positive attitude and respectfulness make her a pleasure to be around. Krystal participates in basketball, track and vocal music. She displays enthusiasm for both school and her extra curricular activities."

"**Ryan Todd** is a hard working student. He has shown an increased dedication to his school work this year. He has taken responsibility for improving his grades by requesting tutoring and additional help from his teachers," said Donna Owens.

"Ryan is a very respectful young man, both to his peers and to his teachers. He presents a positive attitude toward school and his extra curricular activities."

Morgan Sudekum, Allen Elementary, **Bryan Goodbare**, Latta Elementary, **Jacklyn Deaton**, Allen Jr. High, **Wyatt "Boomer" Factor**, Latta Jr. High, **Brandy Cozad**, Allen High and **Wilyon Smith**, Wapanucka High are the April Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.

"**Morgan Sudekum** has improved so much during the year. She has tried very hard and I appreciate her hard work," said Jackie

Hughes. "Morgan has continued to maintain a positive attitude through all her struggles and she is very respectful to her peers and teachers. She is an excellent classroom participant."

"**Bryan Goodbare** has made great improvement in my class, not only academically, but also socially and behavior-

ally," said Kristin Smith. "He is participating in class more and has a better attitude."

"**Jacklyn Deaton** is a model student who consistently displays a positive attitude," said Melonie John-

son. "She is a leader among her peers and strives to obtain good grades. Jacklyn participates in basketball, softball and track. She demonstrates responsibility and leadership qualities that make her an excellent student."

"**Wyatt "Boomer" Factor** is a very nice young man. Boomer is very soft spoken and well liked by his teachers and friends," said Terry Painter.

"He participates in baseball at Latta and hopes to pursue a scholarship to play baseball in college. Boomer is very respectful to his peers and teachers and is just a really quality person and

very deserving to this honor."

"**Brandy Cozad** is well liked by peers and teachers. She won football homecoming queen as a sophomore and voted on by school and community."

"This is quite an honor to be selected as a senior. She struggled last year with her grades, but this year she has done well. Her grades are better and her attitude toward academics is great. She is involved in several activities and has a good work ethic."

"**Wilyon Smith** is the best! He is sweet, kind, polite, respectful, and a hardworking student," said Rose Wooley.

"He is living on his own, working to support himself, while still working to keep his grades up and be an all around awesome student and person."



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Pitman Colbert, had learned to read and write. So for the first time in the tribe's history, treaties could be read (but not always fully understood) by certain Chickasaws.

Removal was a watershed event in many ways. It disrupted Chickasaw society, and consequently interrupted the movement toward literacy. But by the 1850s, the tribe—well on the way to recovery—founded its own schools in association with religious missions. A second generation of Chickasaws was learning reading and writing in an orderly, systematic way.

The second 19th century watershed in tribal literacy and communication was the American Civil War. But the momentum to read and write

that was building before the war was not totally dissipated during the five years of war and the long period of reconstruction. Tribal schools again opened, and more Chickasaw children (though still mainly mixed-blood Chickasaws) were becoming literate in English and in time more experienced in the ways of white society. Yet, it is an irony of that era that large numbers of non-Indians were swarming onto tribal lands, and by the 1890s, the Chickasaws were being engulfed in their own land as statehood loomed.

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The 1969 Supreme Court Decision

High Court rules tribes own the Arkansas Riverbed

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

By the summer of 1967, all the legal, historical and engineering groundwork in the Arkansas Riverbed case had been sewn up by Lon Kile. He claimed that the two tribes owned the bed and banks of a segment of the Arkansas River in eastern Oklahoma and dry land that had been riverbed until the river's course had been changed either through flooding or by an engineering design. Practically speaking, the tribes were seeking royalties for oil and gas leases on present or former riverbed lands and to be compensated for riverbed lands that were expropriated by the federal government to establish the Robert S. Kerr navigation project.

Kile had brought suit against the Cherokee tribe (which also claimed an owner's interest) and against numerous individuals who owned riparian land, that is, land abutting the river. The suit against the Cherokees was simply to force the tribe to be included in the pending lawsuit against the state of Oklahoma to determine whether the tribes or the state owned the 90-mile stretch of riverbed from roughly Muskogee to Oklahoma's eastern boundary. (Part of this segment of the river divided the Choctaw from the Cherokee nations. Through treaties, the Chickasaws had an undisputed and undivided one-fourth interest in the Choctaw claims.) The Cherokees had failed to respond to Kile's requests to participate, probably because of a dispute between them and the other two tribes over ownership of the river that divided the two nations. Kile's contention was that the tribes could fight that out after the court ruled that the tribes owned the riverbed.

Furthermore, Kile had filed suits against individuals who claimed that they owned riparian tracts of land. Kile believed that those cases hinged on whether or not that disputed land had resulted from accretion or avulsion. Accretion is the gradual increase of land due to the natural deposit of silt and sand. Avulsion is a sudden occurrence, like a flood, that causes the river's course to change. According to ample

legal precedent, Kile knew he had little chance to claim accreted land for the tribes. But he felt prepared to contest these disputes; he had employed an expert witness, a civil engineer from Oklahoma State University, who was able to analyze historical and physical evidence, including comparing contemporary aerial photographs with older one. First, however, Kile needed a judgment favoring the claim of the three tribes over the state. Then, the Chickasaws and Choctaws could take on the individuals.

He and the Cherokee attorneys took their cases to the federal district court in Muskogee. Kile represented the Chickasaw-Choctaw interests and Earl Boyd Pierce of Ft. Gibson led a three-man legal team for the Cherokees. Oklahoma was represented by Attorney General G.T. Blankenship and his staff. Also present as observers were numerous attorneys representing oil companies with leases on the affected land. Oklahoma had already sold more than \$600,000 in oil leases on portions of the land. If the tribes owned the riverbed, that lease money would belong to them and in fact the state had been holding oil and gas lease money in an escrow account. The case was complicated and without precedent. It involved examining the historical evidence, interpreting treaties, reading — between the lines, gauging intent. It was possible, however, given one's political bent and attitude toward Indian tribes to see the Arkansas riverbed cases as another example of the powerful government sticking it to the Indians yet again.

No such bias was evident in the decision of Judge Edwin Langley. He held that the U.S. government's title to the riverbed dating from the Louisiana Purchase had passed to Oklahoma upon statehood. He ruled that none of the treaties or land patents given to the tribes changed that fact. This victory for Oklahoma, however, was only the opening round. The tribes appealed the following year to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver where Langley's opinion was upheld.

But on April 21, 1969, the U.S. Supreme Court granted

certiorari in the cases, meaning that the court would review a transcript of the lower court proceedings. Lon Kile wrote Belvin that an appeal to the high court "does not lie as a matter of right. It is, as they say, a matter of grace. I am most encouraged that our briefs and our arguments appealed to the Supreme Court..."

The cases were argued on October 22-23, 1969. Peyton Ford, attorney for the Cherokees, attacked the argument that had prevailed in the lower courts. The state contended that it received title to the land under a generally accepted doctrine of equal footing-implied trust. Because new states entering the union are on an equal footing with all other states, title to land under navigable waters passes to the new states. But Ford noted that in the treaty moving the Cherokees from Georgia to what is now northeastern Oklahoma, certain places such as Fort Gibson and various post roads were specifically excluded. Therefore, he said, anything not excluded, such as the Arkansas riverbed, should be the property of the Indians. Kile reminded the justices that ancestors of his clients "relied on promises of the U.S. that if they moved out of the southern states ... land ceded to them would never be embraced in any state or territory."

On the second day, the justices "grilled" the state of Oklahoma's attorney, Darwin Kirk, a retired general counsel of the Sun Oil Co. According to a newspaper account, Kirk "found the going rough. He asked for a glass of water, attempted to answer some questions and gave up on others. Then he quit before his allotted time had expired." Noting the large number of oil company attorneys and briefs filed by them, Justice Hugo Black asked Kirk repeatedly if this was not really a fight between which oil companies get the leases. "That is assumed but not a fact," replied Kirk. "If the state doesn't prevail in this case, then the oil companies will have to make their peace" with the tribes. At stake, said Cherokee tribal attorney Pierce, was about 19,000 acres and potential royalties on oil and gas and sand and gravel of an estimated \$16 million.

In January, the court took the unusual step of ordering a rehearing of the riverbed cases. The speculation was that the court was waiting on President Nixon to appoint a ninth justice to preclude a tie vote. The rehearing was held in March, before another justice could join the court. But Justice John Harlan disqualified himself from the case [no reason was given] and seven justices participated. The state's case this time was handled by Attorney General Blankenship, who may have decided to spare Darwin Kirk more grilling.

On April 27, the Court, by a 4-3 vote, reversed the decisions of the lower courts, holding that the three tribes—not the state of Oklahoma—owned the Arkansas riverbed. In his majority opinion Justice Thurgood Marshall, wrote that the tribes were granted fee simple title to the land through which the Arkansas River winds its course. "The natural inference from those grants is that all the land within their metes and bounds was conveyed, including the banks and bed of rivers. Certainly, there was no express exclusion of the bed of the Arkansas River by the United States as there was to other land within the grants." He also noted that the "treaties were imposed on the Indians and they had no choice but to consent. It is only by the purest of legal fictions that there can be found even a semblance of an understanding ... that the United States retained title in order to grant it to some future state."

In a concurring opinion, Justice William O. Douglas wrote that since the treaties assured the Indians that their new homelands would never be made part of a state, it is reasonable to infer that the U.S. didn't have a plan

to hold this riverbed in trust for a future state." In a rather strained but characteristically western analogy, he said the riverbed "was the tail that goes with the hide." Douglas concluded that only a "continuation of a regime of discrimination against these people, which long plagued the relations between the races, can now deny them this just claim."

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Jimmy Tignor, RN, named CNHS Nurse of the Year



Nominees for the 2004 CNHS Nurse of the Year Award include, front row from left, Linda Wooten, LPN, Family Practice Clinic; Nyokia Ware, RN, OB; Rebecca Owens, LPN II, Medical/Surgical Unit; Jimmy Tignor, RN, Surgery, 2004 Nurse of the Year; Sheila Harjo, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit; Wanda Lasater, LPN, Family Practice Clinic. Back row from left, Heather Summers, RN, Director, Patient Services; Shannon Wagnon, LPN, Pediatrics; Debra Provence, RN, Nurse Educator; Martha Stonecipher, RN, Nursing Supervisor; Regina Hester, Nurse Manager; Becky Bennett, RN, Women's Clinic; Sue Epperly, LPN, Specialty Clinic (Not pictured are) Susan Friant, RN, OB; Doris Anderson, LPN, Same Day Clinic; Kathy Maxey, RN, OB; Natasha Scott, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit; Linda Fields, LPN, Purcell Health Clinic; Gloria Carney, LPN, Ardmore Health Clinic; Annie Rowe, LPN, Durant Health Clinic; Tina Finley, RN, Purcell Health Clinic; Pamela Branum, LPN, Ardmore Health Clinic; Virginia Elrod, LPN, Ardmore Health Clinic; Stefanie Luna, RN, Ardmore Health Clinic

ADA - Jimmy Tignor, RN, surgery at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, was named Chickasaw Nation Health System 2004 nurse of the year during May 12 ceremonies at the hospital.

Mr. Tignor was selected by his peers from among approximately 240 staff members, including about 200 nurses, who voted on the award.

"We are very proud of Jimmy Tignor and all the nurses and other personnel throughout the health system who dedicate their lives to caring for others," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The nomination reads in part, "Commitment to duty is demonstrated through continuously being available 24 hours a day for all staff and patient care. This nurse is always first on the job and most often last to leave.

"A willingness to perform extra duties and shifts as needed for the provision of optimal care is demonstrated each year by doing whatever is needed for health care program activities, even when that means time will be taken away from personal life.

"Improving patient care is first priority, which is evident on a daily basis. This individual takes pride in improving patient care, education and prevention. He always puts patient care and safety first."

Mr. Tignor was among more

than two dozen Chickasaw Nation Health System nurses nominated for the honor, which includes not only Carl Albert, but the Family Practice Clinic, Diabetes Clinic and the Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo and Durant Clinics.

Other nurses nominated for the award include:

Linda Wooten, LPN, Family Practice Clinic; Nyokia Ware, RN, OB; Rebecca Owens, LPN II, Medical/Surgical Unit; Sheila Harjo, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit; Wanda Lasater, LPN, Family Practice Clinic Heather Sum-

mers, RN, Director, Patient Services; Shannon Wagnon, LPN, Pediatrics; Debra Provence, RN, Nurse Educator; Martha Stonecipher, RN, Nursing Supervisor; Regina Hester, Nurse Manager; Becky Bennett, RN, Women's Clinic; Sue Epperly, LPN, Specialty Clinic; Susan Friant, RN, OB; Doris Anderson, LPN, Same Day Clinic; Kathy Maxey, RN, OB; Natasha Scott, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit; Linda Fields, LPN, Purcell Health Clinic.

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CHRs receive training



Three Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHRs) recently completed First Responders Training. Pictured from left are Tammy Blevins-Purser, of Purcell; Stephanie Lewis, of Sulphur; and Kimberlie Chapman, of Ada. The CHRs passed the Cherokee Nation written exam, the Cherokee Nation practical exam and the national registry practical exam.



Jimmy Tignor receives the 2004 Nurse of the Year Award from Heather Summers.

Hamburger lunch



In observance of National Hospital Week, May 8-14, Vision Bank of Ada provided Carl Albert Indian Hospital employees with a hamburger cookout. During the cookout, Teresa Burrows and Carol Voyles from Vision Bank serve hamburger fixings to Carl Albert employee Sue Palmer.

Reading and crafts



Lori Pursiville from Ada Head Start works on a

craft project at the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Book Event and Cultural Preservation Day. Chickasaw Nation Head Start groups participated in the fourth annual event April 26 at Sulphur First Baptist Church. The students listened to a storyteller, selected books to take home and created an art project.

Technology at Carl Albert helping improve and save lives

A boy recently born at Carl Albert Indian Hospital appeared absolutely normal, but once in the nursery, staff noticed something was different. The child was making grunting noises.

Carl Albert Pediatrician Dr. Humberto Quintero was called. After some initial research, a heart murmur was found and Dr. Quintero requested the tele-medicine cardiology technology be utilized.

Thanks to an agreement between the Chickasaw Nation Health System and Children's Hospital Cardiology Department in Oklahoma City, tele-medicine can be performed between the two hospitals.

With the state-of-the-art tele-medicine technology, a patient is hooked up to an ultrasound with a probe attached. Technicians use the probe, which costs around \$12,000, to scan the beating heart. Heart images are sent via the Internet to the Children's Hospital. Simultaneously pediatric cardiologists at the Children's Hospital see the results and can guide Carl Albert technicians where to move the probe. By doing so, cardiologists can detect the severity of

the problem and decide if the child can be treated locally at Carl Albert or if the child needs to be transferred to Oklahoma City.

Sometimes a child is born with cardiac issues that can't wait, said Dr. Quintero. When the baby boy was born, the opening from the left ventricle into the general circulation was too small, so there was not enough blood pumping into the general circulation.

In less than an hour the child was already diagnosed with the problem and, due to the severity, was being transferred Children's Hospital. At the very least, prompt action taken by medical staff at Carl Albert, improved the baby's quality of life and likely saved his life.

"It is exciting to see the positive impact this new technology is having on improving care and treatment of our newborn babies," said Tribal Health System Administrator Bill Lance. "We owe a great deal of thanks and gratitude to OU Children's Hospital, Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Department and our cardiology staff."

Once at Children's Hospital, a

balloon was installed in the baby to open the valve, so now blood is able to pump into his system. In the long run, doctors will likely have to do valve replacement. The baby boy is expected to be sent home soon.

Tele-medicine technology has been used on Carl Albert patients 14 times this year. Only one time has the severity of the heart condition called for immediate transfer to Children's Hospital.

Dr. Quintero, who has been a pediatrician at Carl Albert for nearly six years, said the technology is used to determine whether to keep a patient at Carl Albert, or send him elsewhere immediately.

"It is saving time," Dr. Quintero said.

"It is actually like having a cardiologist next to us. This is just one way we (Carl Albert) are keeping up with the times and it is important to have as much technology as possible to help Chickasaws and all Native Americans that come to our clinic."

Dr. Quintero said helping the child was a team effort, from the cardiologist at Oklahoma City,



Carl Albert Cardiovascular Technician Barbara Quinlan and Dr. Humberto Quintero used state-of-the-art tele-medicine technology to help save an infant's life. The ultrasound machine allows Carl Albert Indian Hospital and Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City to work together simultaneously.

to nurses, to the pharmacist.

Prostaglandin E1, the medicine used to help the newborn baby, is rarely used, but it is kept in stock in case the need arises, said pharmacist Hartley Sloan.

"It (the medicine) is very expensive, but thank God we have it," Dr. Quintero said.

Barbara Quinlan is the cardiovascular technician at Carl Albert who performed the tele-medicine technology on the baby boy. She is thankful Carl Albert has the technology and that the boy is doing better.

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Blankets from Kiwanis



The nursery at Carl Albert Indian Hospital recently received several donated blankets from The Kiwanis Club of Ada. The blankets were made by a class at East Central University. Pictured from left are Heather Summers, RN, Director of Patient Services; Maxx Wilson, RN, OB; Susan Faint, RN, OB; and Kiwanis immediate past president Judy Clayton.

Employees learns healthy cooking secrets



"Get Fresh" cooking program presenter Jan Long prepares a delicious fruit snack for conference attendees.

ADA - Thirty-one tribal employees recently participated in the Healthy Cooking, Healthy Eating Conference sponsored by tribal Nutrition Services.

The two-day conference was aimed at employees who prepare food at Head Start centers, Senior Nutrition sites, Chickasaw Children's Village and other

tribal programs.

The goal of the conference was to provide information on food safety, nutrition and healthy eating to those who prepare meals for Native American people. Participants learned about nutrition issues facing children and seniors today, swelling portion sizes and menu planning.

Safe food handling procedures and prevention of food-related illnesses were also covered at the conference. In addition, cooking shows, presented by the "Get Fresh" program, showed participants that healthy cooking can be simple and tasty.

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Chickasaw students honored during Student Appreciation Banquet



Several students received the Governor's scholarship award of \$500 at the Student Appreciation Night Banquet in Sulphur. Gov. Bill Anoatubby and tribal legislators presented awards to the winners.



The Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Division announced 2005 scholarship recipients and outstanding Chickasaw student awards during the Student Appreciation winners.

SULPHUR, Okla. – The annual Student Appreciation Night Banquet was conducted April 26 in Sulphur.

Guest enjoyed a barbecue dinner, the Lord's Prayer signed by the Chickasaw Princesses and a keynote address from Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Education is possibly the single most important factor shaping the course of our future," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The minds shaped today are the decision-makers of tomorrow."

"I am very proud of these outstanding young people," he said.

The tribe's education division announced the winners of the Governor's, Lt. Governor's and Legislators' scholarships.

Winners of Governor's scholarships for \$500 included: Samantha Adams from Wright

City; Samantha Aduddell from Mill Creek; Ryan Allen from Enid; Chase Burris from Bray-Doyle; Derek Clark from Norman High; Kathryn Colbert from Ardmore; Richard Heller from Gregory-Portland; Emily Hogland from Tuttle; Randi Howard from Ada; Katie Johnson from Vanoss; Montana Matthews from Marietta; Chelsea Moore from Norman North; Melissa Moore from Sulphur; Matthew Nail from Community Christian; Natalie Ryan from Sand Springs; Brandon Solana from Byng; Susanna Stamile from Chouteau; Richard Thompson from Shawnee; Rachel Williams from Plainview; Kelley Wilson from Grapevine; Thomas Wines from Calera; and Michaela Worcester from Latta.

The Lt. Governor's scholarship winners of \$400 were:

Quinn Bigbie from Spring Hill; Amber Brecht from Ardmore; Zachary Cagle from Pearland; Andrea Frizell from Purcell; Cody Harrison from Durant; Natalie Lowrance from Davis; Whitney Robinson from Morris; and Kristyn Smith from Indianola.

Winners of Legislators' scholarships for \$350 included: Sabrina Johnson from Kingston; Casey Kirby from Sulphur; Meagan Melton from Vanoss; and Dustin Newport from Ada.

During the banquet, the tribe's youth and family services division announced scholarship recipients and outstanding Chickasaw student awards. The goal of the \$250 scholarships is to acknowledge and assist students who are continuing educational careers by attending a college, university or vocational institution

Pontotoc District scholarship winners were: Michaela Worcester from Latta; Carly Hill from Ada; and Katie Johnson from Vanoss.

Tishomingo District scholarship winners were: Tylor Lampkin from Davis and Brittney Thompson from Union.

The winners from Pickens District were: Amber Brecht and Kathryn Colbert from Ardmore and Hailey Walker from Wynnewood.

Individual awards were given to the top male and female in grades 10, 11 and 12 for Chickasaw Student of the Year, Athlete of the Year, Musician of the Year and Artist of the Year. The winners are as follows:

Grade 10, Chickasaw Student of the Year: William Hogan from Ada and Marissa Eaves from Latta

Grade 10, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: William Wright from Fox and Madeline Williams from Plainview

Grade 10, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Michael Lynch from Ada

Grade 10, Chickasaw Artist of

the Year: Josh Stick from Ada and Jade Pettigrew from Ada

Grade 11, Chickasaw Student of the Year: Jason Downing from Ada and Stephanie Wilburn from Latta

Grade 11, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: Josh Jennings from Davis and Chelsea Aldridge from Plainview

Grade 11, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Marissa Long from Ada

Grade 11, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Rachael Farve from Ardmore

Grade 12, Chickasaw Student of the Year: Dusty Newport from Ada and Kathryn Colbert from Ardmore

Grade 12, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: Tylor Lampkin from Davis and Allison Franks from Latta

Grade 12, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Monica Seawright from Ardmore

Grade 12, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Natalia Lowrance from Davis

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Guess who?



Working in conjunction with the tribe's arts in education program, the fourth and fifth grade classes at Byng Elementary School recently created mask projects. The students started with a basic paper form and then their imaginations took over. They were encouraged to use a variety of colors, create patterns, contrasting shapes and interesting textures. Through the arts in education program, instructors Kelly Reed and Trina Jones assist Chickasaw Nation area schools with technical aspects of art objectives and skills.

Environment summer seminar open to area high school-

“It’s Your Environment” summer seminar has been scheduled.

Deadline to apply is July 1.

The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University’s Department of Environmental Health Science are teaming up

to host the first “It’s Your Environment” summer seminar July 25 - 29.

The seminar is part of a larger project entitled the National Environmental Science Partnership Program (NESPP). NESPP is a

partnership among East Central University (ECU) Department of Environmental Health Science and the Chickasaw Nation. The program is sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The program focuses on educating high school students about the protection of human health and the natural environment for pollution and other environmental hazards. Students will learn about educational and career opportunities in the fields of environmental health and protection.

The program will involve students in a variety of learning activities conducted on the ECU campus and during field trips in southeastern Oklahoma. Preparatory instruction and training will be conducted in classrooms and laboratories on the ECU campus. Students will meet and interact with Native American environmental scientists and

environmental health professionals from national and state level environmental agencies. They will learn about the work these professionals perform and about educational and career opportunities in environmental fields.

Students will travel to sites where environmental conditions are representative of those of interest to tribal peoples and environmentally conscious citizens in southeastern Oklahoma. At these sites, they will be given the opportunity to participate in measurement processes and data collection using modern monitoring equipment. Students will also be exposed to computer technologies used to analyze and understand complex environmental problems.

The deadline to apply for the summer enrichment program is July 1. For more information, visit www.ecok.edu.ehs.org or www.chickasaw.net.

Information is also available by calling Dr. Doug Weirick at (580) 310-5548 or Robert Pickens at (580) 421-7712. Accepted applicants will be notified by mail.

Tribe hosts annual Injury Prevention Conference



Tammy Blevins-Pursuer presents Lighthouse Police Officer Jay Carroll with an appreciation award during the annual Injury Prevention Conference. Carroll spoke to the group about the dangers of illegal methamphetamine labs.

DAVIS, Okla. - Dozens attended the fifth annual Injury Prevention/Health Promotion Conference hosted by the Chickasaw Nation in May. The conference focused on preventing injury and promoting health.

Injuries are the leading killer of Oklahoma’s children and young adults. Injuries account for more premature deaths before 65 years of age than cancer, heart disease, stroke and diabetes combined.

The conference covered several topics including identifying child abuse, hearing loss, work place safety, nutrition concerns for the elderly, child passenger safety and Adult Protective Services.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION ADA, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF:
KEVIN SHANE GRIGSBY, JR.,
A Minor Chickasaw Child,
Born July 14, 1997, by
SHARON HICKMAN
AND JAMES HICKMAN,

Petitioners.

Case No. A-2005-11

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING - APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL PARENTS AND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

PONTOTOC COUNTY DISTRICT COURT to:

KEVIN SHANE GRIGSBY, SR.
TAINA JEANELL SIMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Sharon Hickman and James Hickman have filed a Petition for Adoption in the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, located at 1500 North County Club Road, City of Ada, State of Oklahoma, for the adoption of KEVIN SHANE GRIGSBY, JR., date of birth July 14, 1997, of which you are alleged to be the natural parents, and have also filed their Application for an Order of this Court determining the said child be eligible for adoption without your consent. Said application alleges that your consent to this adoption is not required by law for the following reasons, to-wit:

- a. The natural parents have failed to establish and maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the minor Chickasaw child for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition; and
- b. Further for a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding the filing of the petition for adoption, they have willfully failed, refused or neglected to provide and contribute to the support of the minor Chickasaw child within their available means through contribution of financial support, physical necessities such as food, clothing and shelter contributions, or by performing labor or other services for and at the request of the person having custody.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this Court will hear the evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Application and on the 28th day of June 2005, at the hour of 10:45 o’clock a.m. at the Courtroom of said District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, in the Courthouse, at Ada, Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Application and Petition should not be granted by the Court or why the said minor Chickasaw child is not eligible for adoption without your consent you should appear and present the same at the above stated time and place.

You are given notice that failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in the granting of the application for adoption without consent or permanent relinquishment or in the termination of the natural parents’ parental rights and in the child’s adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal of said Court this 17th day of May 2005.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Approved by:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE CHICKASAW NATION 1500 North Country Club Road Ada, Oklahoma 74820 (580) 235-0279

IN THE MATTER OF:
Guardianship
Of the Person and Estate of

LESLIE D. CLARK
An incapacitated Adult.

By DEANNA J. CLARK

Petitioner.

Case No. PG-05-17

To: Leslie D. Clark

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

Notice is hereby given to you that on the 06th day of May, 2005, Petitioner DEANNA J. CLARK filed a PETITION in the Chickasaw Nation District Court requesting that the Court enter an order appointing her guardian of the person and estate of LESLIE D. CLARK, born February 03, 1947, and issue Letters of Guardianship. A copy of the Petition is attached.

Pursuant to an Order of the Court, Notice is hereby given that the 28th day of June, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing on the Petition in the District Courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation, located at 1500 Country Club Road, Ada, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

The Petition asks that DEANNA J. CLARK be appointed as the guardian to make decisions regarding yourself and your property.

At the hearing a guardian may be appointed for your person and property. The judge will explain to you the nature, purpose and effect of the proceeding.

You have the right to attend the hearing. You may confront and cross-examine all witnesses and present your own witnesses. You have the right to request that your hearing be closed to all the public. You may request that an expert be appointed to examine you and if the judge believes that an examination is necessary, the judge will order an evaluation to be done.

You have the right to hire an attorney of your choice to represent you. If you do not have an attorney and you wish to be represented by an attorney at the hearing, the court will appoint one for you. You may request the appointment of an attorney orally or in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing. If you are able you will be required to pay the cost of an attorney appointed by the court. You may appeal any adverse order or judgement as provided by the laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

EXECUTED THIS 16 day of May 2005

WAYNE JOPLIN/TAMARA DRESSER
Clerk/Deputy Clerk
Chickasaw District Court

Anadarko, Okla.- The Southern Plains Indian Museum administered by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U.S. Department of the Interior, announces the opening of a promotional exhibition, Join Tiger Illustrations.

Jon Tiger, an award winning and collected Native American artist, is a member of the Myskoke (Creek), Raccoon Clan of the Red or Warrior Town of Eufaula-Canadian Trail Town. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, the late Bennie Buckskin and Susie Cosar Scott of Eufaula, Okla. Tiger's work is based on Native History and

is inclusive of Tribes that are represented in his immediate family. Tribal depicted in his artwork include: Creek, Kiowa, Wichita, Cheyenne-Arapaho, Choctaw, Ho-chunk, Chickasaw and Cherokee. Many of his pieces are inspired by the Mound Builder Era.

At his rural McIntosh country home, Tiger is surrounded by wild turkey, deer, coyote, bobcat, and other animals that come into his yard and are depicted in many of his pieces. The artist's works in multi-media utilizing acrylic, watercolor, prisma-color pencil, graphite, oil and ink and wood

burning techniques. The scale of his work ranges from miniature to large scale realistic expressions of his subject matter.

Over the last 33 years Tiger has exhibited in Oklahoma, Texas, South Dakota, New Mexico and Arizona, and has accumulated an impressive array of awards and honors. In November 2004, he exhibited at Eufaula Memorial Library in celebration of Native American month. The Eufaula mayor proclaimed November 1 as "Jon Tiger Day."

Tiger's work is included in many private and public col-

lections. His most recent work included a mural commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America. The mural depicts four large animal images and is currently on display in the new BSA Headquarters in Tulsa, as part of their permanent collection.

Jon Tiger Illustration will be on view through June 30, 2005. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



Jon Tiger

Photo courtesy of U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Arts and Crafts Board Southern Plains Indian Museum

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw National Recreation Area Chief Ranger Dennis Weiland would like to remind boaters to practice safe boating habits on Lake of the Arbuckles. With the return of personal watercraft (PWC) to the lake this season, users should be aware of the additional "Closed" and "No Wake" areas, and the fueling of PWC is prohibited on the water surface. Fueling is allowed only while the PWC is away from the water surface and on a trailer.

To protect and assist the park's visitors, eight fully qualified law enforcement U.S. Park Rangers and six general rangers that carry courtesy patrol duties as part of their full time positions are on staff. Park Ranger Tim Thompson leads the program with six years experience in parks with large water based operations to include Everglades National Park in Florida, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Utah, and three seasons at Chickasaw. The remaining staff has received 32 hours of boat operations and water safety training.

In 2004 the park staff assisted 20 calls from boaters, investigated six boat collisions, responded to four boater related medical calls, and conducted 60 voluntary boat inspections. Voluntary boat inspections will be available at the Buckhorn and the Point Launch Ramps.

The staff maintains over 100 buoys and navigational aides to keep the boating public safe and the natural resources protected

from unnecessary erosion. In addition, the park maintains three major boat ramps operations to include multi-lane launch sites, courtesy docks, rest-rooms and large parking lots. These areas experience heavy use on busy weekends and during major holidays.

Currently the fleet at Chickasaw includes: • 2005 21' Almar Aluminum Patrol Boat - new, recently purchased • 1994 21' - Sea Ark Aluminum Patrol Boat • 2005 Yamaha Personal Water Craft - new, obtained through a loaner program with H & H Marine in Oklahoma City and Yamaha Corporation • 2001 21' - Metal Craft Bull Nose Work Boat • 1982 18' - Sea Ark Aluminum Work Boat

The base of operation for the boating program is located at the Point Ranger Station and the boat house at the Point Launch Ramp.

According to Chief Ranger Weiland, the following challenges face the staff at Chickasaw National Recreation Area: • The return of PWC use to the Lake of the Arbuckles - Several important points to practice when using a PWC: • Wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) suitable for PWC use. • Collisions result in more injuries and deaths than any other type of accident for PWC. Ride within your limits and avoid aggressive maneuvers. • Do not jump boat wakes or cross the path of oncoming boats or watercraft. • Be alert for conditions that limit your

visibility or block your vision of others. • Watercraft and other boats do not have breaks. TO STOP: release the throttle and coast to a stop. Remember, you have no steering control with the engine stopped. • Educating of Water Safety Practices • Enforcement of Boating "Rules of the Road" issued by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Marine Patrol Division, posted at www.nps.gov/chic/craft.htm • Response to water emergencies • User Fee Program - Chickasaw National Recreation Area requires a lake launching permits (stickers). A

daily permit may be purchased for \$4.00, and the annual permit can be purchased for \$30.00 from the automated fee machines at Guy Sandy, The Point, and Buckhorn launch ramps. If visitors are eligible for Golden Age or Golden Access Passport discount, they must have their Golden Age or Golden Access card in hand to input the card number for permit purchase. The fee machine, which will accept either cash or credit card, dispenses two receipts for each transaction. These receipts, which are heat and light sensi-

tive, are redeemable for a sticker (2005 red) within one week of purchase. The receipts may be redeemed at the following locations: Travertine Nature Center, 7 days a week, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Park Headquarters (1008 W. 2nd Street), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and the Point and Buckhorn Ranger Stations when personnel are available. Watercraft owners will also need to bring their current boat registration. These permits will expire September 30, 2005.



Mary Lou Drywater

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Field Station Manager in Moore, OK., Mary Lou Drywater, was recently honored by the Federal Executive Board (FEB) of Oklahoma as Employee of the Year. She

received the award for Outstanding Community Service for her work as chairperson of the FEB's American Indian Council since 2001. In this capacity, Ms. Drywater strives to advance opportunities for American Indians within the state, through seminars, lectures and demonstrations.

Her work on the FEB Council complements her BLM role. The BLM in Oklahoma works with Tribes and individual Indian allottees on matters involving oil and gas leasing in the state.

In nominating her for the award, BLM Field Office Manager John Mehlhoff observed, "During her time as chairperson of this Council, Mary Lou has had the opportunity to expand on the Bureau's important work in Oklahoma and the services we provide to our customers.

She has had many contacts with Tribes and other agencies which has greatly enhanced communications and coordination. This outreach has been very beneficial to the mission of our agency and improved our ability to provide valuable services to the Indian people of this state."

Ms. Drywater is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe and is a descendant of the "Dine" or Navajo Nation. She was born in Lawton, Okla., and adopted at nine months by Mr. and Mrs. William H. "Bill" Ellis of Muskogee. She graduated from Muskogee Central High School and subsequently went on to study at Bacone College in Muskogee, graduating with an Associates Degree in Business Administration in 1971. She currently lives in Norman, Okla.

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☐ Third week
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(Tribal

Tract - McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$177,120.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$44,280.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 240.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$720.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$180.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-039. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Wanda Blackwood Scott

1 abstention

The motion to approve

GR22-039 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-040, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$3,690.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$922.50, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of 15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-040. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Wanda Blackwood Scott

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR22-040 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-041, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County (Tribal Tract No. 3989)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Meade Energy Corporation, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid for an oil and gas lease of \$155.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$98,009.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$24,502.40, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 632.32 acres, more or less for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,896.96, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$474.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-041. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-041 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mrs. Alexander gave the report in Mr. Scott Colbert's absence.

General Resolution Number 22-042, Resolution in Support of Preservation of the Chickasaw Language

This resolution states the intent of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature to endorse and commit itself to further Chickasaw language revitalization efforts of those dedicated speakers and teachers for without the language there may be no culture.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR22-042. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Ms. Hartman asked for funding to go specifically toward language retention in the 2006 budget.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-042 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs welcomed the guests. She acknowledged the guests from Pauls Valley.

Mr. Seawright stated he received information regarding the cuts in Education, on the national level. The Johnson 380 Mally funds will be cut by 50%. He asked everyone to contact their congressmen and senators at the national level and encourage them to restore the JOM budget back to the amount it has been over the past years.

Mr. James Humes commented on language retention and asked that more money be put into a comprehensive program. He announced the Oklahoma City Community Council had a new website, and was disappointed to learn that the Chickasaw Nation would not link to their site. He encouraged the Legislators to change the session day to Saturday so more citizens can attend, and he informed the Legislators that he was in the process of creating a political action committee to identify candidates who have Chickasaw values at heart.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on the budget cuts and provisions made to the tribes through block grants. He also made comments regarding the business plan, and he asked for a working X-ray machine for the Ardmore Clinic.

Ms. Sue Simons made comments regarding per capita.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-049 Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Wellness Center to be located in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman, Human Resources Committee

sources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

General Resolution Number 22-050 Approval of Amending the Office of the Gaming Commissioner Department Budget

Explanation: The office of the Gaming Commissioner intends to hire three additional personnel for remainder of fiscal year 2005 to accommodate the expansion of the Nation's gaming operations. Because of the Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact, additional resources, both personnel and budgetary, are required to fulfill the compacts requirements which include: open communication, increase report writing, availability to

the State Compliance Agency (SCA), the licensing of virtually every vendor of the Chickasaw Enterprise and the renewal of such licences every two years, increase training for Office staff, and the creation of an administrative hearing process.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

Permanent Resolution 22-009

Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 16 Section 16-111 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

Explanation: This resolution and rescinds Section 16-111 and amends Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order that processes for approving special requests and Legislative travel may be approved by the

Special Advisory Committee.

Requested By: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

No Vote: Donna Hartman

Permanent Resolution Number 22-014 Amendment to Title 10, Section 10-507 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

Explanation: This resolution performs general housekeeping by deleting a section of the Chickasaw Nation Code which had granted exemption from the tribal sales tax by any Chickasaw citizen who purchased computers and related equipment

from SmokeSignals Computer Computer. As the company is no longer in existence, this resolution will remove the exemption.

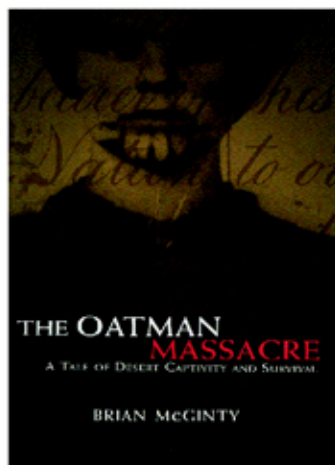
Requested By: Chickasaw Tax Commission through Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs.

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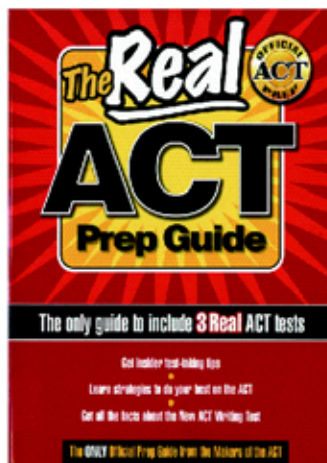
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Mable Strick- lene Tiger



Mable Stricklene Tiger, 74, of Ada, Okla., died in the arms of our Lord April 11, 2005.

Services were April 14, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Houston Tiger officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Tiger was a lifelong resident of Ada and graduated from Chilocco. She graduated from Byng Technology Center as a practical nurse in 1977. She worked at Valley View and Jan Francis. She retired in 1985 from St. Anthony's Hospital after several years of service. She was a member of Ada First Indian Baptist Church and was active with the Kullihoma Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizen Site where she enjoyed spending her time visiting and going on their trips.

She married Edmond Robert Tiger, Sr., Sept. 9, 1950 at Ada. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1985.

She was full-blood Chickasaw and spoke her native language fluently. She enjoyed listening and singing to Choctaw and Creek Hymns. She loved to bead, sew, crochet, pick wild onions, gardening and working around her house. Her favorite was playing dominoes with friends and family, which was always a challenge for everyone. At family gatherings the dinner table would be cleared for an evening of trying to beat her at the game.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Vincent Tiger; and daughter Lisa Tiger.

She is survived by sons, Glenn Edward Tiger, Grand Prairie, Texas, Edmond Robert Tiger,

Jr., Ada, and John David Tiger, Healdton, Okla.; daughters, Theresa Tiger, Yukon, Okla., Rhonda Tiger, Ada, and Resenda Lopez and Linda Solis, of Oklahoma City; 25 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and aunt. Her long life and the many memories that we shared are an ongoing joy to our family. She will be greatly missed. We were truly blessed to have such a loving caring person in our lives. She will forever be in our thoughts and hearts.

Bearers were her grandsons, Phillip Wood, Erick Kepler, Brian Tiger, Thomas Worcester, II, Joe Dan Melton and Jason Tiger. Honorary bearers were Weldon Fulsom, Lewis Butler, Fernando Lopez and cousins Lloyd Parnacher, Calvin Parnacher and Floyd Parnacher.

Troy Turner

Troy Lee Turner, 85, of Woodland Hills, Calif., died April 23, 2005. Funeral services were April 30, 2005, at Northridge, Calif., with burial following in Eternal Valley Memorial Park, Newhall, Calif.

Mr. Turner was born March 19, 1920, on his mother's allotment land in Yarnaby, Bryan County, Oklahoma, the third son of James Albert and Margaret Virginia (Connelly) Turner. His mother and grandfather, John William Connelly, were original Dawes Commission enrollees.

Mr. Turner attended school in Yuba, Okla., and at Murray State College (1937-38) in Tishomingo, Okla. He graduated from Oklahoma A & M College in Stillwater, with a bachelor of science degree in 1940. Preceding World War II, he was employed in Washington, D.C. as a statistical clerk. He entered the U. S. Marine Corps August, 1942, and was a radio-radar repair technician until honorably discharged in 1946.

After World War II, Mr. Turner moved to Ventura, California where he met widow Edna Mae Thompson and her young son, Bill. They were married in 1952. He worked as an engineering specialist for Litton Industries and retired in 1985. He

was a member of the Woodland Hills Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Turner was preceded in death by parents Jim and Margaret V. Turner; and brothers Fred Turner and Harle Turner.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Edna Mae of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Cynthia Gillespie, Bell Canyon, Calif.; sister Thelma Jackson, Durant, Okla.; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Wanzalee Tom- linson Scott

Wanzalee Tomlinson Scott, 80, died April 14, 2005. Services were April 16, 2005 at Campbell Watts Funeral Home Chapel, Tishomingo, Okla., with Rev. Kenneth McCarthick officiating. Interment was in Mill Creek Cemetery, Mill Creek, Okla.

Mrs. Scott was born October 26, 1924 at Drake, Okla., to William Jennings Bryant Moore and Leola Mae (Sparks) Moore.

She married J.Y. Tomlinson, Sr., May 30, 1942 at Tishomingo. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1982. She married Charles D. "C.D." Scott on February 25, 1983 at Canyon, Texas. He preceded her in death July 10, 1997. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by

husbands, J.Y. Tomlinson, Sr., and C.D. Scott; her parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by sons, J.Y. Tomlinson, Jr., of Stratford, Okla., and Eddie Gene Tomlinson, of Pacific Beach, Wash.; daughter, Tommie Lee Conner, of Covington, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Philip Blackwell, Kevin Blackwell, Harold Duane McDonald, Heath Stone, Steve Stephens and Shawn Stephens. Honorary bearers were Greg Conner, Matt Stone, Luke Dobbs and Claude Blackwell.

Woodrow Fran- cis Minor

Woodrow Francis "Woody" Minor died April 28, 2005 at Odessa, Texas. He was born Sept. 27, 1954 to Alphus and Lorene (Harris-Cravatt) Jefferson at Ardmore, Okla.

He graduated from Muskogee (OK) High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on Sept. 25, 1974 and received an honorable discharge Sept. 22, 1978. He served during the Vietnam War. He worked as a general laborer.

He is survived by a son, Nathan

Hendrickson, of Muskogee; brothers, Winston Jefferson, Michael Jefferson, of Ardmore, Okla., and Malcolm Jefferson of Yahtehey, N.M.; sisters, TiaJuana John, of Ardmore, Hawaii Davidson, of Lewisville, Texas, Arnetta Higgins, of Marietta, Okla., and Sandra Carille, of Pueblo, Colo.; and a grandchild, Natalie Hendrickson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Alphus "Jim" Jefferson, Jr.



Note of Thanks

The family of Mable Tiger wishes to thank everyone for the food, flowers, plants, cards, calls, visits, donations, and most of all for the prayers and the kind words of sympathy.

Thanks to Rev. Houston Tiger, his group of singers and to the Chickasaw singers for their wonderful songs in their native language. Thanks to all who participated in the service.

Everyone's kindness is greatly appreciated.

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